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by Pastor Paul....

Called to Live a Life of Peace

Throughout Jesus' ministry He calls us to live a life of peace. In the beatitudes those who pursue peace are not only *blessed* but are also called the *sons of God*. In Matthew 5:44, Jesus gives a commandment to:

Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Our early brethren acknowledged Jesus' command to live a life of peace and acted upon it. They set forth to put into practice the principles of peace regardless of the penalties and punishment imposed upon them.

In keeping with the Biblical teachings and Brethren traditions, we will set our sights on the principles of peace particularly as they pertain to Jesus' admonition to be *peacemakers*. Our studies of the Scriptures will encompass and explore the definition of peace, the power of non-violence, the pursuit of peace, and the practice of peace.

Our series will begin with John Ballinger as our guest speaker as he shares from the pulpit the Biblical principles set forth by Jesus and the historical events that precipitated the Brethren movement toward living a life of peace and for peace. Testimonies will be given by some within our congregation as to how God used them as instruments of peace and some of the many challenges they sustained in their stance for peace.

On Sunday, September 20 we will be hosting a prayer vigil for peace from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. with refreshments immediately following. We invite all to come join us as we join hands to pray for peace in the lives of our children, our churches, our community, our country and the world and also to seek God's discernment and direction as to how He will use us to be the instruments of His peace.

From our camp representative, Julie Shives...

News from Inspiration Hills

We, at Eastwood, have a unique opportunity to help the Camp! Through a generous donor from the Northern Ohio District, the Camp has the potential to raise \$200,000.00!! A matching grant has been established for every dollar received in this grant program, a dollar will be matched.

But, wait there's more

Could Eastwood do the same? I'm sure we can! Through a generous donor, we have the opportunity to raise a potential \$3,000.00! A donation has been given to the church in the amount of \$1500.00. The dollars raised by the Eastwood congregation will be matched up to the donated amount. Although, I'm sure we can surpass that amount!!

But, wait there's more...

The \$3,000.00 (or more!) has the potential of turning into \$6,000.00 when given to the camp and their matching grant!

Here's what you need to do...

Through the month of September, donations to the Camp Grant Fund will be accepted. Just make sure you note Camp Grant Fund on your check or envelope if you're giving cash.

Just call 330-863-2365...Should you need more information! Julie Shives will be glad to answer any questions that you may have!

Prayer Vigil for Peace Program

During September we will be observing International Pray for Peace Day which falls on Sept. 21. We will be observing it on September 20 with a prayer vigil for peace. On September 6, John Ballinger will kick off the month, speaking on peace. On September 20, we will offer a special peace vigil, beginning at 6 pm followed by light refreshments.



Prayer, 9 am
 Worship 9:30 am
 Sunday School 11 am
 Every Sunday!

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Teacher's meeting after Sunday school	31 	1	2 Quilting, 9-2	3	4 Jerry Fuller BD Terry & Connie Moyers Anniv.	5
6 Katie Woollard BD	7 Labor Day Thomas Simich BD	8 Deacon's Meeting, 7 pm Natl Older Adult Conf. (NOAC), Sept 7 - 11, Lake Junaluska, NC	9 Quilting, 9-2	10	11 Eugene Petry BD Glenn & Ida Gene Jame's Anniv.; John & Debbie Dovala Anniv.	12
13 Short Council Meeting after church Church Picnic 1:30-5 Lake o Pines, Hartville Jerry Fuller Jr. & Isabella Callaway BD; Anthony & Jennifer Brautigam Anniv.	14 Bowling League games begin	15 Board Meeting, 6 pm Pamela Burke BD	16 Quilting, 9-2	17 Donna Tobias BD	18	19 District Chicken Barbecue, Camp Inspiration Hills Chris & Amy Flake Anniv.
20 Prayer Vigil for Peace Sunday, Evening Program, 6 pm with refreshments	21	22	23 Quilting, 9-2 David & Debbie Hajba Anniv; Jerry & Nicole Fuller Anniv.	24 Deadline Evangel Material Dave Simpkins BD	25	26 Free Meal 11:30-12:30 pm
27 Terry Moyers & Marilyn Gryder BD	28	29 Gary & Linda Griffith Anniv.	30 Quilting, 9-2 pm			

Bulletin Board

Teachers Meeting

A short teacher's meeting will be held Sunday, August 30, following Sunday school.

Softball Tournaments!

Our team finished second in the standings with Hartville being the champions for 2009.

Church picnic Mark your calendars for this year's Annual Picnic scheduled for Sunday, September 13 from 1-5 pm at Lake-o-Pines in Hartville. As in past years we are anticipating a great time of fellowship, godly fun and food. Please bring a covered dish, your own table service, beverage, and friends as we gather together as a family to celebrate the kinship we have in Christ.



Short Council Meeting

There will be a short council meeting to review budget on September 13 between church and Sunday school.

Pancake breakfasts These begin in October. Volunteers to help are needed. See Jean Poling.

Election Day The social hall will be used for voting on election days beginning this fall.

District Chicken Barbecue

Mark your calendars for the District's Chicken Barbecue at Inspiration Hills on Saturday, Sept. 19. Lunch from 11-1. Day begins at 10 am with a basket auction and various activities. Each church to bring 4 pies. Free will offering.

Disaster Kits for Children

Leone Gindlesperger and Joy Croston are working at putting together kits for children to be used in disasters.

Variety Sale

A variety sale is planned for this fall to be a fundraiser for the church. Tables will be rented out at \$20 a table. See Jean Poling.

Home Bible Study Groups

Women's study groups will meet three times a month beginning in September. See Deb Brautigam.



Gary Griffith is stepping down from leading Men's Study Groups.

Family Night A Family Night will replace the Kidd's Club and Movie Nights beginning in September. Details to follow.

New Christian Ed Director

Gary Griffith is beginning duties as the new Christian Ed Director with Debbie Brautigam assisting.

New Youth Advisors

Gary and Linda Griffith are the new youth advisors. Details about youth activities to follow.

Single's Group Debbie Brautigam is starting up a new Single's Group. Details to follow.

Junior Church Junior Church will resume September 6. Dara Law will be the teacher. Junior Church is for 3-4 year olds only.

Bowling League

Bowling (mixed, men, & women teams) begins September 14 on Monday nights from 6:45 till 9 pm or so. Fee is \$10 a week for 3 games at Tallmadge Lanes, 333 Northeast Ave. Contact Rick Frick 330-753-9458. This is a church league.

Pillows for Christmas

The Auxiliary of West View

Manor is requesting help in making pillows for residents at the Manor for Christmas. Pillows should be "plump" Poly-fill material and measure approx. 14" square. Can be a variety of fabrics & textures. Pillows will be given to residents as Christmas presents. Needed by November 10. Call West View Manor for more information. 330-264-8640. www.westviewmanor.org.

New church web page

www.eastwoodchurch.net. Contact Rebecca Ebie with information & photos!

New Email Address

Peggy Tobias has a new email address: peggytobias@att.net

Communion A communion service will be Sunday, October 4 at 6:30 pm. As is custom we will be celebrating the Lord's covenant with a dinner, a foot washing service and breaking of bread.

Mark Your Calendar

October 3: Pancake Breakfast, 9-11 am

October 4: Love Feast & Communion, 6:30 pm

October 10-11: Sr. Hi Rally

October 11: CROP walk, 1:30

October 18: Pastor Appreciation & Covered dish dinner

October: Variety Sale (Date forthcoming)

October 24: Board Retreat, 9 am, Hajba's

October 31: Spring of Living Water (Spiritual Discernment) Training Event, 9-3:30, Inspiration Hills

November 6-7: Jr. Hi Rally

November 8: Council Meeting with a light lunch provided

November 15: Thanksgiving Dinner

Missions and Witness: On Earth Peace

On Earth Peace is a ministry of the Church of the Brethren headquartered in New Windsor, MD. It is an agency of the Church of the Brethren empowering people to discern the things that make for peace.

Mission Statement

On Earth Peace is a movement grounded in the Church of the Brethren dedicated to following the teaching of Jesus Christ in renewing and living out our biblical and denominational heritage of peace.

Our purpose, through religious and educational activities, is to empower people to discern the things that make for peace - in ourselves, within families, in our global environment, between nations - and to advocate peace and justice, seeking the realization of God's will on earth as in heaven.

Goals

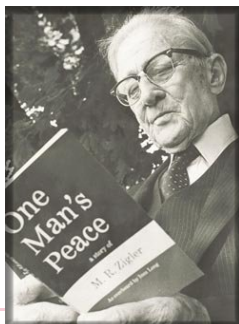
To provide an opportunity for every young person in the Church of the Brethren to participate in an extended peace learning opportunity

To provide an opportunity for every pastor in the Church of the Brethren to learn effective conflict transformation skills

To assist every congregation in the Church of the Brethren to offer a significant ministry to their community or beyond which addresses the roots of violence and injustice

History of On Earth Peace

In 1974, M. R. Zigler brought together a group of people who wanted to strengthen the



On Earth Peace Staff: (front) Michael Colvin, Matt Guynn, Leslie Frye, Darlene Johnson, (back) Gimbiya Kettering, Bob Gross, Marie Rhoades

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peace witness of the Church of the Brethren. Held in New Windsor, Maryland, this meeting gave birth to the On Earth Peace Assembly. On Earth Peace has always been a Church of the Brethren program, although the nature of the relationship to the denominational organization has changed through the years. Since 1998, On Earth Peace has been directly accountable to Annual Conference, as one of the three program agencies of the church (with the General Board and the Association of Brethren Caregivers). From the beginning, peace education for youth was a priority, and remains so today. Other projects have been professional/vocational groups for peace, a peace resource book store and a series of peace assemblies held in New Windsor.

In 1990, the Ministry of Reconciliation, initially formed within the General Board program, was transferred to On Earth Peace. In 2000, the board of directors chose to add peace witness as a third primary program area. The main office of On Earth Peace remains in New Windsor at the Brethren Service Center, where it has been located since the founding of the organization.

What is the International Day of Prayer for Peace?

It was proposed in 2004 during a meeting between World Council of Churches general secretary Rev. Dr Samuel Kobia and then-United Nations secretary general Kofi Annan.

It is celebrated annually on September 21 (or the closest Sunday).

...You're Invited to Build Community while Building Peace.

For the third year of the On Earth Peace campaign for the International Day of Prayer for Peace, participating churches and organizations are invited to pray about the problems of the economic collapse that all of us are facing in towns and cities throughout the U.S.



...loss of jobs, families falling apart, gun violence, domestic violence, continuing racism, factories leaving town, foreclosures, militarization, youth gangs, businesses closing their doors, apathy, hungry people on the streets, homelessness, the never-ending war, and our young people who have fought them.

If you accept this invitation...In September, you will gather with your church friends and/or a new group of local friends who share common concerns about the problems your community faces. Together, you will pray for your community and the healing it needs to overcome problems.



"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor..." Isaiah 61:1-2a

The Deacon's Corner

Please be in prayer for those within our church & community

Pray for:

Alice Petry, recuperation from knee surgery
Larry Petry, recuperation from surgery
Peggy Gardner, recuperation from lung surgery, health concerns and lung cancer
Iva Teck, Kent Ridge Assisted Living
Jeanine Gray, Maison Aine in Stow
Dorothy Koval, health concerns
Debbie Brautigam, recuperation from hip surgery
Marilyn Gryder, sciatica pain in legs
Norma Shaffer, recuperation from foot surgery, broken foot bone in other foot.
Neil Lavy, in a cycle accident, & friend of Charlotte Newman
Mary Gindlesperger (Leone and Dave's daughter-in-law) gallstone problems and possible surgery.
Jaxon Fuller, seizure & problems at birth
Becky Shaffer, having chemo, Norma Shaffer's daughter
Jacob Ronca, paraplegic, Norma Shaffer's grandson
June Nolt, from a fall resulting in a broken leg & bruised other foot



This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.

(1 John 5:14-15)



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:6-7)

HELPING OTHERS

The "Witness Bin"

Next to the drinking fountain, is a box for food items. This is an on-going program of collecting canned goods and staples (non-perishables please) which go to our various community soup kitchens. Approximately once a month items are collected and distributed. Please see Leone Gindlesperger.

Free Meal Program

The deacons are providing free meals. There will be a free lunch Saturday, September 26 from 11:30 to 12:30 pm. The community is invited. Donations of food or money, in addition to helping serve, are welcome to help with the costs.

Offering A Helping Hand

Need help with the little repairs around your home that you just can't do by yourself? The deacons have a special team available to provide you with needed services. Contact Gary Myers, Larry Croston or Pastor Paul about home maintenance & repairs.

Angel Food Ministries

Signature Box, Senior Meals, various meat, vegetable and allergen-free food boxes available. Low cost meals. Contact: The Tallmadge Church of God 330-633-0107/ www.angelfoodministries.com/

Eastwood Visitation Ministry

The Visitation ministry's objective is to supplement the work of the deacons by visiting the elderly, sick and shut-ins. Men and women are needed to be part of this ministry. Contact Rebecca Ebie, 330-628-2060 or rlebie@sbcglobal.net.

September Puzzle: Batman Baddies

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- 9 Worlds
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- 11 List of highly desired guests
- 12 Dole out
- 14 Morse code "E"
- 20 Singing voice
- 22 Hostess creation
- 23 Relating to the hearing
- 24 North Germanic language
- 25 Intones
- 26 Extinguished
- 27 Proof ending
- 29 Induce to commit perjury
- 33 Plunder
- 35 Skin
- 36 Trunk
- 38 Instructional method.
- 41 Honey maker
- 43 Panetta's office
- 44 Ohio's lake
- 45 Batman villain who leaves clues to his crimes
- 48 Domain
- 51 Weather related
- 52 Main artery
- 54 In reserve
- 55 Droops
- 56 Remain
- 57 Conger
- 60 Blackbeard's drink
- 61 Fortify
- 63 Korean car
- 64 And so forth
- 65 Fast plane

RL Turner, November, 2008

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- 1 Ladle
- 6 Batman's most intelligent and physically powerful foes.
- 10 Impede
- 13 Swiftly
- 14 Title of Italian woman
- 15 Bullfight cheer
- 16 Occupied
- 17 Bury
- 18 Baby fox
- 19 Multi-colored rock
- 21 The ones here
- 23 Cancel
- 25 Companion
- 27 Status __
- 28 Possessive pronoun
- 30 Batman villain wrapped in bandages.
- 31 Be human
- 32 Candy bar filler
- 34 Poetically frequently
- 37 Sprint
- 39 Hamburger delivery device
- 40 Sloven
- 42 Constellation
- 43 __ pin

- 46 Bard's before
- 47 River dam
- 49 __ Lanka
- 50 Compass point
- 51 Batman villain bored with hunting
- 53 North of the Beehive State
- 55 Sailing ship
- 56 Germs
- 58 Zephyr
- 59 Angry
- 62 Enjoys
- 66 Universal time
- 67 Not urban
- 68 Blue-pencil's
- 69 Body of water
- 70 TV award
- 71 Respond

DOWN

- 1 Rested
- 2 Accountant
- 3 Furniture wood
- 4 Large water body
- 5 Batman villain with an umbrella.
- 6 Skeletal part
- 7 Picnic visitor
- 8 Compass point

September Cryptogram

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It's Græk to me Sudoku

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Vacation Bible School Wrap-up —July 27—July 31

Vacation Bible School was held on July 27-31 and we had a great week. We had a total of 30 children attend. At our **Power Lab Vacation Bible School** the kids **discovered Jesus' miraculous power**. They learned that **Jesus gives us the power to be thankful, help others, be brave, live-forever, and tell others about God**. Each day they took part in fun Bible learning where they could see, hear, touch, and taste while learning how **Jesus heals 10 lepers, gives sight to a blind man, gives Peter the courage to walk on water, dies and comes back to life, and the Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost**.

Everything at VBS this year was hands-on learning. Monday the children with "Leprosy" had to be quarantined. Tuesday they got to experience being blind having class in the dark with blindfolds on. Wednesday everyone got the chance to walk on water. Thursday they gave their sins to Jesus to be forgiven. Friday they found it hard to understand what was going on because not everyone in the class was speaking English. During our fun filled week we had **6 children come to know Christ**.

Every day at Power Lab the kids chose a **Daily Challenge** – a fun way to live out what they've learned that day at VBS.

We collected an offering each evening and the donations were used to purchase school supplies for school kits. Monday evening the kids help set a goal of \$300.00. We surpassed that goal and raised \$660.00. On Friday the kids helped put the kits together as a service project. The kits were given to area schools to help those in need. We were able to make 50 school kits.

Sunday morning all the kids who participated in VBS put on a performance for the congregation. They all did a great job and it was a joy to see them having so much fun. We also showed a slide show of what went on during the week and the kids loved seeing themselves on the big screen.

Thank you to everyone who put in so much of their time, energy, and money into this year's VBS. Without everyone's help the kids would not have had such a good time and learned so much.


....submitted by *Dara Law*



Above: Vacation Bible School children being quarantined with "leprosy", left: children "walking on water"



As a mother, my job is to take care of the possible and trust God with the impossible. ~ Ruth Bell Graham



September Nursery Schedule

	<u>9:20-10:40 am</u>	<u>10:40-12:10 pm</u>
Sept 6	Hope Konst Deb Casto	Deb Brautigam Esther Echelberry
Sept. 13	Tekesha Johnson Cathy Richards	Jim Shives Julie Shives
Sept. 20	Dale Brown Debbie Brown	Ida Jean James Xinia Tobias
Sept 27	Connie Moyers Karen Warnick	Judy Markland Sam Markland

Seven practices for Peace



Sunday – Being for Peace

Today take five minutes to meditate for peace. Say to yourself, *“Today I will relinquish all resentments and grievances.”* Bring into your mind anyone against whom you have a grievance and let it go. Send that person your forgiveness.

Monday – Thinking for Peace

Thinking has power when it is backed by intention. Today, take a few moments of silence and repeat this prayer:

“Let me be loved, let me be happy, let me be peaceful.”
“Let my friends be happy, loved, and peaceful.”
“Let my perceived enemies be happy, loved and peaceful.”
“Let everyone be happy, loved, and peaceful.”
“Let the entire world be happy, loved, and peaceful.”

Anytime during the day you are overshadowed by fear or anger, repeat these intentions. Use this prayer to get back on center.

Tuesday – Feeling for Peace

Use this day to experience the emotions of peace: compassion, understanding, and love. As you practice, observe a stranger sometime during your day and silently say to yourself, *“This person is just like me. Like me, this person has experienced joy and sorrow, despair and hope, fear and love. Like me, this person has people in his or her life who deeply care and love them. This person’s peace is as*

important as my peace. I pray for peace, harmony, laughter, love in their life and in the life of all persons.



Wednesday – Speaking for Peace

The purpose of speaking is to create happiness in the listener. *“Today every word I utter will be chosen consciously. I will refrain from complaints, condemnation, and criticism.”* Your practice is to do at least one of the following: Tell someone how much you appreciate them; express genuine gratitude to someone who has helped and loved you; or offer healing or nurturing words to someone in need. If you find you are reacting negatively or in a way that is not peaceful, refrain from speaking and keep silent. Wait to speak until you are centered and calm.

Thursday – Acting for Peace

Today is the day to help someone in need. It can take many forms. Tell yourself, *“Today I will bring a smile to a stranger’s face. If someone acts in a hurtful way to me or someone else, I will respond with a gesture of loving kindness. I will offer help without asking for gratitude or recognition.”*

Friday – Creating For Peace

Today, come up with at least one creative idea to resolve a conflict, either in your personal life or your family circle or among friends. Change an old habit that isn’t working, look at someone in a new way, offer words never offered before, or create an activity to bring people together. Bonding creates mutual trust. With trust there is no need for hidden hostility and suspicion - the two great enemies of peace.

Saturday – Sharing For Peace

Today, share your practice of peacemaking with another person. Give them this information and invite them to begin the daily practice. Joyfully celebrate your own peace consciousness with another peace-conscious person. Connect with email or phone. Share your experiences of growing peace.



THE PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, let me show pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith in you.

Where there is despair, let me show hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sorrow, joy.

Grant that I may seek not so much to be consoled as to console.

To be understood, as to understand.

To be loved, as to love.

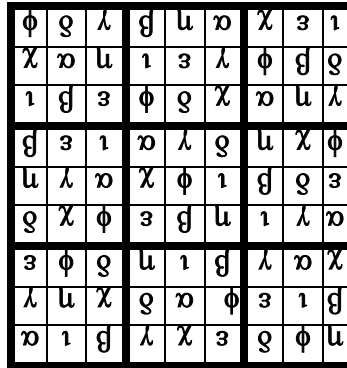
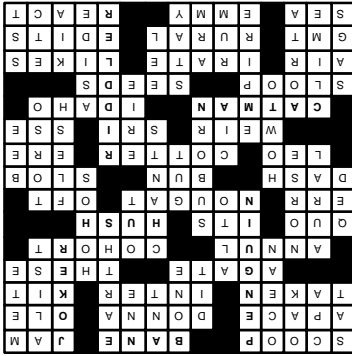
For it is in giving that we receive.

It is pardoning that we are pardoned.

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

September Puzzle Answers

September cryptogram hint: The letter 'T' is encoded 'B'.
 September cryptogram answer:
 Haven't you ever heard of the healing power of laughter?
 The Joker



COB Denomination Updates

Nigeria ministry update

Brethren in the U.S. are expressing heartfelt support for churches in Nigeria in the wake of recent bombings there, according to Jay Wittmeyer, executive director of Global Mission Partnerships. Wittmeyer also announced that Jennifer and Nathan Hosler will begin serving in two new peace and reconciliation positions in Nigeria.

Climate Justice workshop to be held in Washington, DC

Brethren Advocacy Days is being planned for Sept. 20-21 in Washington, D.C. The theme for the workshop is "Called to Action: Climate Justice." The registration fee is \$25.

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The Purpose of the Eastwood Church

To lead people into encounters
 with the living Christ
 To nurture each other in Christ-like love
 To touch others through acts of service

