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Mexico Church of the Brethren

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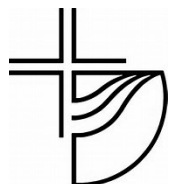
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9:30 am—Worship Service

10:45 am—Sunday School

**PASTOR'S
SCHEDULE**

Mon: 9:00 am– 12:00 pm

Tues: 12– 3:00 pm

Or by appointment



Office Hours:

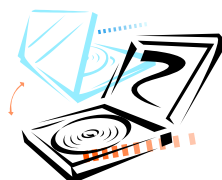
Monday: 8:00 am– 12:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am– 12:00pm

Closed Tuesday-Thursday



The Messages are on the webpage at www.mexicocob.org. However, we will make you a dvd upon request. See Dave Collins or Lorie Bowman.



Sunday Services: May

Worship Leader

Keith Zimmer

Greeters

6

13

20

27

Children's Story

6- Dare 2 Share

13- Yvonne Biehl

20- Lorie Bowman

27- Donita Conner

**Thank you for
serving our
church family
in this way**





If we missed your special day let the office know. Simply drop us a note or an email.



Mother Daughter Luncheon

Saturday, May 5th

From 11 am– 1 pm

Please see sign up

sheet in

hallway. We hope to see you there!



Wednesday Night Meal

May 2, 2018

May 16, 2018

& June 6, 2018

At 6:00 pm

We hope you will join us in this meal!



Prayer Concerns:

Pray for peace within the church, help for each one of us to show the love of Christ.

Please pray for our **Ministry Team** and the **Board** as these members are working diligently for the Lord's will at our church.



Ministry Team: Janet Baker (Adriene Clingaman), Ellen Fisher, Gina Hattery, Glenn Conner, Steve Hostetler & Pastor Matty Myers

Board Members: Brook Milburn, Dave Collins, Lorie Bowman, Dave Dawalt, Audrey Davis, Katelyn Hattery, & Pastor Matty Myers

Please remember these groups and individuals in your daily prayers.

Helping Hands!

Helping Hands is in need of specific items from our church! In helping them we help our church family and neighbors. Our church is asked to collect items on the **3rd Sunday of each month!** Here is the list of items they request from us!

Canned Fruit, Cereal, Flour, Sugar, Toothpaste, Tooth brushes, Sanitary Napkins

Please remember this important ministry!
Thank you!



New to the Library

Storm by Jim Cymbala

This book will both disturb and enlighten you. No matter how fierce the storm, we have the Gospel of Christ and the Holy

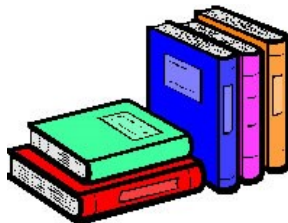
Spirit's resources to bring his light to the world.

The Proving by Beverly Lewis

Amanda was shocked to learn after her mother's death that she would inherit Lancaster County's most popular Amish Bed & Breakfast if she can successfully run it for twelve months.

It's Taken Years to Get This Old by Karen O'Connor

This book is a collection of original lighthearted stories and inspirations. It includes scripture and prayers to nurture your spirit.



Walk the walk

Do you rush, push, shout and become generally unpleasant on Sunday mornings? Do you complain about church? Are you irregular in your attendance? Are you over-conscientious about matters that are not really important?

Do you always criticize the pastor, the choir, the length of services and the usher crew? Then don't be surprised if your children grow up to look at Sundays as the worst day of the week.

—Karen Burton Mains, author of
Making Sunday Special

Items needed by Open Arms

Baby diapers and wipes, Onesies 6 mo.-18 mo. Socks, Kid's underwear and undershirts, socks, kid's Vitamins kid's allergy and cold medicine

Women's socks, undergarments. allergy and cold medicines

Kitchen Supplies-Bread, butter, cake mixes, icing, canned fruit, canned veggies, spices (lemon pepper, salt, garlic powder, pepper, baking powder), Kitchen towels, kitchen utensils (tongs, spatulas), large frying pans.

Cleaning Supplies-toilet bowl cleaner, Comet, window cleaner, Lysol, Laundry soap.

Our Daily Prayers



Our community children spend approximately 45 hours per week with our area teachers and other employees at the North Miami School System. For that reason we ask that you add the following people to your daily prayers.

Every month throughout the school year you will see one teacher/faculty from the elementary and one from the high school listed per week. Each day that week please lift the designated employee in prayer. Praying for the adults who influence our children will enable us to indirectly pray for the unnamed students as well.

During the week we also encourage you to pray for the school system as a whole.

| Week Of | Staff | Staff |
|----------|---|--------------------------------------|
| April 29 | Amy Name -Bookkeeper | Judi Keifer– Student Info Specialist |
| May 6 | Kendra Pitts– Elem Sec | Sandy Linn– HS Guidance Sec. |
| May 13 | Kim Brooks—Bus #20 | Linsay Pattison– Athletic Sec |
| May 20 | Judy Burkhardt– Bus #16– Special Ed– Logansport | Brooke Thompson– HS Sec |
| May 27 | Liz Butt—Special Ed Aide | Lisa Juliot– Elem Clerical |



DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR FOR MAY

- May 6 - Please pray with us for Huntington COB and the Western Pennsylvania District.
- May 13 - Please pray with us for the Church Planting Conference May 17-19 at Bethany Seminary.
- May 20 - Please pray with us for Kokomo COB and the Puerto Rico District.
- May 28 - Please pray with us for Camp Mack as they begin their summer season

Decisions are What History is All About.

The history of the Wabash & Erie Canal is an interesting one, but it's sad in the fact that it was a colossal failure. The decision to build the canal was a poor one and Indiana should have gone in favor of railroad as the solution to getting goods from one place to another instead of a waterway.

On March 2, 1827, the United States Congress provided a land grant to Indiana for the construction of the Wabash & Erie Canal. The Indiana General Assembly accepted the grant on Jan. 5 the following year and appointed three commissioners.

The commissioners decided that the canal would have to extend into Ohio and petitioned the state to appoint a commission of their own. The state legislature approved the plan and new commissioners were appointed. Several legislative battles ensued by proponents of the railroad, but in the end the General Assembly approved the borrowing of \$200,000 to begin construction.

On Feb. 22, 1832, ground was broken and construction began from Toledo, Ohio to Defiance. Construction of the canal went through Fort Wayne and reached Logansport by 1837.

The Panic of 1837 devastated Indiana's program of internal improvements, but it didn't stop it completely. Construction of the canal continued and reached Delphi by 1840.

When the canal builders reached Delphi, they decided to build a dam on the Wabash near Pittsburg to replicate the water level of the glacial flow thousands of years before, so that a three-mile long wetland could be used. Thus the concept of waterway development utilizing a dam and guard lock system became the means to find a nearly "free" section of usable waterway already carved out by Mother Nature through the limestone bedrock under Delphi.

The Canal building continued past Delphi and reached Lafayette by 1843. The canal began operation the summer of 1843. Meanwhile, construction of it continued and it reached Terre Haute by 1848 and Evansville by 1853. In all, 73 locks were constructed. Lock #33 was constructed in Delphi. In the vicinity of Delphi, a total of six bridges were also constructed.

By the time it was finished, it was evident that it was not economically viable. The banks of the canal eroded rapidly and it had to be constantly dredged to be operable. The common muskrat was the worst offender to the canal as it was plentiful and would build burrows in the sides of the canal walls. Once they tunneled through the opposite side, the water quickly washed out the entire wall of the level, which rendered the canal useless until it could be repaired.

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Sections of the canal started shutting down and by 1874 the canal was closed. In 1881 vigilantes dynamited the dam in Pittsburg, leaving the paper mills in Delphi high and dry.

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The canal was dug by hand by many immigrants, who were mostly of Irish descent. About one worker died for every six feet of the canal that was dug, according to one historical marker along the route.

The state of Indiana also went bankrupt because of it. The canal cost a total of \$8,259,244.03 to build and maintain. The total receipts and revenue were \$5,477,238.41. The net loss was \$2,783,005.52 according to another historical marker.

-Glenn Conner, Historian

Town Hall Meeting

March 25, 2018

There were approximately 50 people in attendance. The meeting was opened with prayer. The Board and Ministry Team (MT) expressed their thanks to the congregation for their support. Thanks were also expressed to all the Board Members and Ministry Team for the time they devote to these positions.

A reminder was given to all to keep the shut-ins in prayer, and everyone was encouraged to call, visit, or send cards to those who are home bound.

The Board has been meeting at least once a month with a theme of "Continued Transformation". The Board has read a book titled "*Four Chair Disciplining*", by Spader. This is where small groups of people do wonderful things, and inspire other small groups to do other wonderful things

Pastor Matt invited Adrienne Clingaman, and Kody Myers up. Adrienne has been working on Fellowship the last 3 months; she even organized the meal we had today. She has been going to MT meetings and after today she will officially be on the MT.

Kody was voted in as Young Adult President, which has inspired him to step up even more. Since the beginning of the year he has been the unofficial Youth Leader. Same as with Adrienne, we gave him 3 months to get familiar with the position before we welcomed him in officially.

The congregation was asked if they accept Adrienne as Fellowship – this was affirmed by applause. Then the congregation was asked if they accept Kody as Youth Leader, he too was affirmed by applause.

Children's church had fizzled out, then Mandy stepped up and seen the need, so she has made sure someone is teaching Children's Church each week. Thank you Mandy Durst.

The Sunday School Teachers were asked to stand, and a round of applause for their service thanked them.

Deidre has stepped in as Assistant Treasurer. It is the goal of the Board to groom leaders, Deidre and her Accounting Degree has been a huge asset. We have had 4 Young Adults step up to help were needed. This is amazing. Please keep them in prayer.

Pastor Matt also thanked Brook for his service; he has been a great friend and asset to the pastor.

Mason Myers has been setting up and running the projector, and Cain Clingaman runs the sound each week. A special thank you to both of these youth.

Kody Myers spoke and thanked the congregation for their prayers and donations for the youth and Young Adults Trip the Ark. The youth have got together a few times and played games in the Fellowship Hall. The friends who came to those meetings have invited friends- so the group is growing.

The Youth are planning a clean up day- they will go to congregation members home and clean up their yard on April 14, and 21st. The members can give a free will donation, that money will be used to pay for upcoming events for the youth and young adults.

Brook Milburn told the congregation that the Pastor has been putting in lots of hours, goes to BLI for class, works on Helping Hands Board, has been asked to sit United Way Board. He also leads prayer at North Miami, he preaches at Timbercrest when asked. He continues to meet with his pastor group, as well as his mentors. He will be started as Chaplin for the Denver Volunteer Fire Department soon. The Board would like to delegate some of his duties here to keep his hours manageable.

A special thank you to Dave Collins- he has been putting in lots of hours to update our finances to get them more online with standard accounting practices.

Dave Collins explained his PowerPoint- (see information table)

Peru Utilities will install a new meter box by the end of the year. They will be in a UMS truck and the men will have badges and yellow clothing.

The MT is looking for ways to improve the grounds and building.

Brook told the congregation that Lorie Bowman will be delegate at this years Annual Conference. Matt will also be a delegate, and Karen will be there as an extra. This be in in Cincinnati from July 4-8th.

The floor was opened up for questions. A question was asked if there is any plan for security of the church. The Board has been working on it, but we value any and all input from the congregation. As a body, please be in prayer over this subject, and please let any Board Member know pertinent information. The Board will not move forward without keeping the congregation informed and having their approval.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

Prayerfully submitted by Lorie Bowman

KIDZ ZONE

HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.



WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?






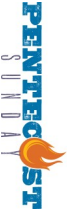


Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

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" _____ your _____
 _____ and your _____,
 the _____ your _____ has
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 _____ 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

May 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 Dave Dawalt | 2 Renee Dawalt | 3 Tony Dawalt  | 4 Jenny Dawalt | 5 Cynthia Dawalt |
| 6 Jillien Dawalt | 7 Dave Donaldson | 8 Bev Donaldson | 9 Greg Donaldson | 10 Robin Donaldson  | 11 Stephen Donaldson | 12 Emily Donaldson |
| 13 Lilly Donaldson  | 14 Liam Donaldson | 15 Allen Durst | 16 Mandy Durst | 17 Kylie Durst | 18 Allen Fisher | 19 Ellen Fisher |
| 20 Willard Graham | 21 Mary Donna Graham | 22 Derek Hagan | 23 Katie Hagan | 24 Brock Hagan | 25 Kelsie Hagan | 26 Evelyn Hagan |
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| 27 Barb Hattery | 28 Jeff Hattery  | 29 Gina Hattery | 30 Olivia Hattery | 31 Kevin Hattery | | |
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