



THE AGAPIAN



September 2013 — Agape Church of the Brethren

What is a Congregation?

In 1995, I attended the Centennial Celebration of the Osceola Church of the Brethren. Former members, long-time friends of the congregation, and four of the former pastors (myself included), plus two wives of deceased pastors from as far back as 1936 made the event. People came from as far away as Missouri to attend.

The stories told during the sharing time at the event, by both former pastors and members, painted a touching picture of mutual commitment and sacrifice across many generations. One man in his 40s recalled a meeting of the older folks of the congregation that took place around the kitchen table in his parent's home, when he was a mere child, where the decision to build their current worship facility was made. His uncle related the details of how the land for the project was purchased.

The pastor at the time the current worship facility was built related that he—himself—had personally taken responsibility for painting the Fellowship Hall after it was constructed, and that he had let it be known that if anyone needed counseling in those days, that's where they would find him. They should bring their paint brushes along if they wanted to talk. He also related the details of the day the congregation took out the mortgage. I related the details of the day the congregation burnt the

mortgage nearly 20 years later during my pastorate.

There were old church pictures from family albums, special music numbers performed by a reunited quartet group from years gone by, and enough tears shed to bless the multitudes (especially when the 91-year-old patriarch of the congregation came forward, with the aid of a cane, to lead the congregation in singing "The Longer I Serve Him the Sweeter He grows").

It was all a graphic and touching reminder to me of the fact that a congregation is a living organism that stretches across multiple generations and down through many eras and periods of time. And though no one generation can take credit for the whole story, without each generation's part, without each generation's devotion, commitment, sacrifice, and love, there would be no story to tell.

What a sacred trust we commit ourselves to when we join the Body of Christ and take upon ourselves vows of membership in a local congregation. There is indeed a "cloud of witnesses" watching from above, and a string of generations yet unborn, who await the form of the church they will receive from us. It is a sobering thought! May God keep us faithful for our part of **Think about it!**

-Pastor Jeff



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Let's Play Bunco!

On **Saturday, Sept. 28**, everyone is welcome to play Bunco, a game played with dice—if you can count you can play! Tables of four play, pairs win or lose, and then rotate to the next table through the game. It's a great mixer and chance to mingle, as well as win a valuable prize! We'll begin with a meal at **6 p.m.**, hot sandwiches and drinks provided. Bring a side dish or snack to share.



In addition, card tables may be needed, so let Diana or Vicki know if you have one we can use. Please bring \$2 per person to help with the cost.

Sign-up by **Wednesday, Sept. 25** on the announcement board so Diana will know how many will be attending.

Visit Agape online at www.agapechurchfw.org

September



Sunday School Stars

Our Sunday School Stars for the spring quarter, April through June 2013, follow. Thanks for being part of our Sunday School at 9 a.m.!



Excellent attendance (11-12 weeks): T.J. Musser, Daniel Musser, Joyce Musser, Rhonda Hughes, Beth Green, Marilu Brunson, Chuck Morris, Jack Green, Gene Wort, Mary Jo Wort, Dean Musser, Becky Morris

Good Attendance (8-10 weeks): Kendra Morris, Kyle Morris, Kara Morris, Wendy Imhoff, Connie Copp, Becky Imhoff, Charlotte Schafer, Ron Spurgeon, Ray Imhoff, Orie Imhoff, Bradley Imhoff

District Conference

The Church of the Brethren Northern Indiana District Conference will be on Saturday, Sept. 21 at Camp Mack, with a worship service on Friday, Sept. 20. Our delegates are Rose Black, Chuck Morris, Becky Imhoff, and Jeff Copp. Look for news about the conference from them!

Blue Bird Revival Concert

Save the date and invite your friends on **November 2** for Josh Copp's band **Blue Bird Revival**. They'll be playing at Agape Church of the Brethren—look for updates in future bulletins and the October newsletter!



HELP THE FOOD BANK

Food Bank is in need of the following items:

Cereal, saltine crackers, hamburger helpers, dish soap, bar soap, evaporated milk, toilet paper, shampoo, chicken and dumplings, beef stew, dried beans, rice, canned fruit, tuna, and mac and cheese.

When you shop, remember to purchase some of these needed items for the food bank. It would be greatly appreciated!



Agape Choir

Agape's stellar choir starts practice for the new season on September 4. They'll meet for practice from 7:30-8:30 p.m.—if you're interested in joining, let Lynn Shipe know or just show up! Adults, teenagers, and even middle schoolers are welcome to join!

Kitchen Cleaning Date

The Women's Fellowship needs to get together and plan a date to clean and organize Agape's kitchen! This was a service event discussed at our meeting back in the beginning of the year—it's time to make it happen!

Help Camp Mack Win \$1,000

It's simple to help Camp Mack get some extra funding—all you need is a computer! You can vote every day from now through Sept. 30 at www.beaconcu.com: Click on **Project Spotlight**, then **Cast Your Vote Today**, then select **Kosciusko County**, then click **Cast Your Vote Now**, then select **Vote** under Camp Alexander Mack, finally click **Submit Choice!** Ask your family and friends to help.

COOK'S CORNER

By: Joyce Musser

Today is the oldest you've ever been,
yet the youngest you'll ever be,
so enjoy this day while it lasts,
have some **ICE CREAM!**

Did you know that the average person eats **14 lbs of ice cream a year?**
And if you think 14 lbs is high, consider 1946:
That year, Americans celebrated their victory in World War II
and the end of sugar rationing by eating a whopping 23 lbs of ice cream per person.

Healthy Frozen Peach Yogurt

4 med. peaches, peeled and sliced
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1 c. fat-free milk
1/2 c. sugar
Dash salt
2 1/2 c. vanilla yogurt
2 teas. vanilla extract

1. Place peaches in a blender. Cover and process until blended; set aside.
2. In a small saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over milk; let stand for 1 minute. Heat over low heat, stirring until gelatin is completely dissolved. Remove from the heat; stir in sugar and salt until sugar dissolves. Add the yogurt, vanilla and reserved peaches.
3. Fill cylinder of ice cream freezer two-thirds full; freeze according to the manufacturer's directions. When ice cream is frozen, transfer to a freezer container; freeze for 2-4 hours before serving.

Yield: 6 cups. **Nutrition info:** 3/4 cup equals 149 calories, 1 g fat (1 g saturated fat), 4 mg cholesterol, 83 mg sodium, 29 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 6 g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 1 starch, 1/2 fruit, 1/2 reduced-fat milk.

Thank you, Lord,
There's a roof above me,
There's a good place to sleep,
There's food on my table,
And there's shoes on my feet.

You gave me your love, Lord,
And a fine family,
I thank you, Lord,
For all your blessings on me.



SEPTEMBER 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 2:30-5:30 Tutoring 4:30-7 Piano Lessons 6:30 Aerobics	3 4:30-7:30 Tutoring 6:30-7:30 Scouts	4 12 Senior Moments 2:30-5:30 Tutoring 6:28 Youth 6:45-7:15 Piano Lessons 7:30 Choir	5 4:30-7:30 Tutoring 6:30 B4G 6:30 Aerobics	6 7am Men's Breakfast*	7
8 Deacon's Mtg (after service)	9 2:30-5:30 Tutoring 4:30-7 Piano Lessons 6:30 Aerobics	10 4:30-7:30 Tutoring 6 Crafty NG* 6:30-7:30 Scouts	11 2:30-5:30 Tutoring 6:28 Youth 6:45-7:15 Piano Lessons 7:30 Choir	12 4:30-7:30 Tutoring 6:30 B4G 6:30 Aerobics	13	14
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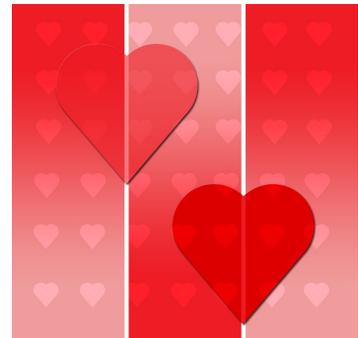
September Birthdays

1	Carolyn Furry-Brantley	14	Joe Schafer
3	Peggy Burroughs	14	Mary Jo Wort
5	Roger Hauptert	16	Jane Stuver
5	Al Glick	19	Kaleb Wagner
6	Seth McComas	20	Jill Jack
7	Tim Scroggs	21	Elmar Hashimov
9	Douglas McComas	21	Tom Wagner
9	Jordan Cook	23	Jacob Kart
10	Linda McCoy	29	Anna Glick
11	Regan Scroggs	30	Kathy Barnhart
14	Judy Cormany		



September Anniversaries

1	Jerry Brenneman & Cathy Gilbert
24	Derek & Wendy Imhoff
28	Dean & Joyce Musser
28	Andy & Sara Shipe





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Senior Moments

The Agape Senior Moments group has started meeting on the first **Wednesday** of the month at noon (instead of Tuesdays). Join the Agape Senior Moments and bring a dish to share!



Want to Contribute to the *Agapian*?

If you have information or content you'd like featured in the *Agapian*, please submit it to Kendra M. by the **third Sunday** of the month **prior** to your event's date. For example, if you have an event you'd like featured in the October *Agapain*, please submit it to Kendra by September 15.

For her contact information, see the church directory.