



# THE AGAPIAN



January 2014 — Agape Church of the Brethren

## Welcome Our Interim Pastor, Phil Reynolds

Agape will turn another page of history in the New Year by greeting Phil Reynolds who will serve as our pastor for at least the next six months. Phil currently resides near Dayton, Ohio, but Fort Wayne was where he grew up. He graduated from South Side High School, Taylor University – Fort Wayne, and Huntington Seminary. He was licensed to the ministry in 1986 at the Bethel Center Church of the Brethren and ordained in 1997 at the Grandview Church of the Brethren both in South/Central Indiana.

Although not growing up in the Church of the Brethren, he sought out our denomination because of the peace and justice witness. His life verse, **Micah 6:8** closely followed the Church of the

“He has showed you, O man, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to  
walk humbly with your God.”

-Micah 6:8

Brethren, and he felt led to join. His vision is to minister Jesus’s love unconditionally to everyone. He loves Jesus and he loves people. He considers himself a servant leader, helping individuals to use their gifts to make growth and change happen in the church.

Phil is married to Kathy, and they have 4 adult children with 6 grandchildren and one on the way. His mother Clara also lives with them and will be an active member. He is involved in the Kairos Prison Ministry and brings a wealth of pastoral experience to us. The executive committee was most impressed by Phil’s background and his willingness to work with us through the transition period. We are excited to begin 2014 with Pastor Phil in the pulpit, and we know Agape’s welcoming spirit will encircle him with love!

## Thank You!

Pastor Jeff and Connie Copp’s retirement celebration was a success thanks to the committee members who planned the entire event—from the delicious food, the awesome decorations, the fantastic performers, and the wonderful speakers—thank you for working so diligently to create a special day. **Agape is blessed to have you all so involved and willing to help!** Here’s the Chicken Tetrazini recipe from the event:

### Chicken Tetrazini

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| 1. Make a white sauce with: | 2. Then add:                  |
| 1/4 c butter                | 1 c chopped Velveeta          |
| 1/4 c flour                 | 1/2 c cream of celery soup    |
| 1/2 t salt                  | 7 oz cooked spaghetti         |
| 1/4 t pepper                | 4 oz mushroom pieces, drained |
| 12-14 oz chicken broth      | 2-3 c cooked chicken, chopped |
| 1 c whipping cream          |                               |

## Annual Soup-Off

This year we have scheduled it as a lunch right after church on **January 19th** to encourage participation.

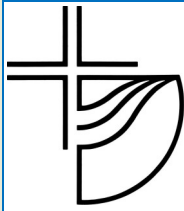
### Here's how it works:

- \* Sign up on the sheet on the announcement board if you plan to participate. You can bring soup or another item, and you should indicate this on the sign-up sheet. Your soup could be a main dish, vegetable, or a dessert soup—get creative and see what comes out of YOUR kitchen!
- \* You should bring . . . your **contribution**, a **bowl** to eat from, and some **\$1 bills** to vote for your favorite soups (the money will be donated to the food bank). Remember, you’ll want to try all the food, so small portions are recommended.

**We hope you'll plan to join us for a warm winter meal and a fun time of fellowship!**

3. Turn into a large greased casserole, and sprinkle with parmesan cheese.
4. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes, or until bubbling.

*This can be chilled or frozen ahead. Allow more time to bake if cold or recipe is doubled.*



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## Senior Moments

The Agape Senior Moments group meets on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at noon. Join the Agape Senior Moments and bring a dish to share!



## *Children's Sunday School Classes*

Please consider helping with the children's class during this winter quarter. Thanks to Lynn Shipe for teaching during the Advent weeks. The curriculum continues with the stories of Jesus taken from the Book of John. See Becky Morris for questions, and **sign up as a lead teacher or helper for January and February.**



## *Women's Fellowship Meeting*

**Calling all women in the church!** Please join us for the Women's Fellowship reorganizational meeting on **January 18th @ 9 am.** Breakfast will be provided. Please strongly consider coming, and see Kara Morris for any questions.