



The Beacon

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Blessed to Be a Blessing

(Pastor Tim Smith recently began his ministry at the Leola United Methodist Church. We extend a welcome to Pastor Tim and I offer the following from Pastor Tim as food for thought. - Pastor Alan)

What might happen if we took the time to talk with and bless everyone we come in contact with during the day? I recently read that instead of having an evangelism strategy where people go out to invite others to church, that we would be better served by developing a blessing strategy.

There is a Biblical precedent based on God's covenant with Abraham. God instructed Abraham to move to a new land where God promised, *"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."* (Gen 12:2) Abraham obeyed and set forth on a new adventure. Further God promised, *"I will bless those who bless you... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

What might happen if we simply bless people that we encounter? The role of the church is plainly to bless others and to bless the world. Our God loves all people! I would like to challenge you this month to bless at least three people each week. As we encounter people the question we ask is, How can I ask God to bless you?" For those of you up for something more challenging, make sure that at least one of the persons does not deserve it.

You will discover that amazing things happen when we simply ask people "How can I ask God to bless you?" People might share joys or hurts in their lives or reveal their quest for God.

*- Pastor Tim Smith
excerpts from August 2010 Gabriel's Horn
Leola United Methodist Church*

WORSHIP WITH US!

Worship is the most important thing we do together as Christians. Worship is the one activity we do that will continue through all eternity. With that in mind, we offer the following worship opportunities.

Morning Worship 10:15 am Sermon Topics

Let Our Joys Be Known

September 5 – *Called to Radical Obedience*
Mark 1:14-20; 2:13-17

Obeying Jesus' command "follow me" is an intensely personal journey that means different things for different folks. How has saying yes to Jesus required radical change in your life?
Or has it? (Pastor Kathy)

September 12 – *Called to Live Out Our Baptism*
Romans 6:1-14

It's time for a checkup. Our baptism is a public confession of faith that we are welcoming Jesus as the Savior and Lord of our lives. Are we doing what we promised? (Pastor Alan)

September 19 – *Called to Worship God*
Revelation 5:6-14

The vision of John includes scenes of the worship of heaven. Does our worship today help us anticipate that great and joyful day? (Pastor Alan)

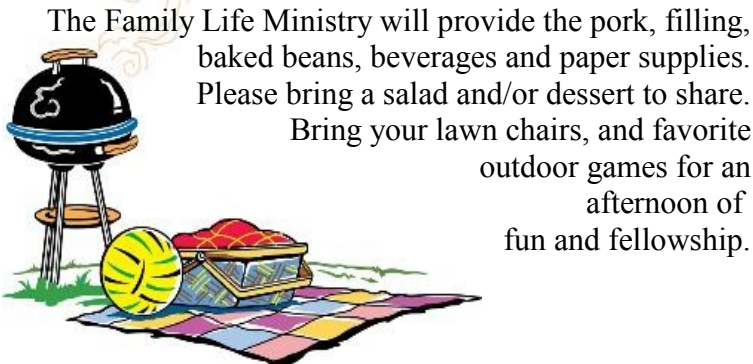
September 26 – *Called to Be Different*
Romans 12:1-5

Do we try to fit in or do we try to stand out? How does being a follower of Jesus make us different?
(Pastor Alan)

Upcoming Events...

Church Pig Roast Sunday, September 12, 2010 Noon time in the pavilion

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for Sunday service and stay for our picnic afterward.



The Family Life Ministry will provide the pork, filling, baked beans, beverages and paper supplies. Please bring a salad and/or dessert to share. Bring your lawn chairs, and favorite outdoor games for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Sign up sheets are located in the fellowship area.

The Children's Ministry Team would like to thank the following persons for agreeing to serve as Sunday School Teachers for the 2010-2011 Sunday School year: Ruth Morgan, Kristi Regitz, Lee Kennedy, Candy Myer, Erma Myer, Anita Hess, Sharon Zimmerman, Renee Porter, John Porter, Ethel Ritchie, Linda Bohannon and Gloria Burkhart. Your dedication and faithfulness will have an eternal impact in the lives of our children. If you have any interest in serving the church and like to work with children, please contact John Richardson. We are in need 2 more regular helpers and additional substitutes.

Up coming events and activities:
Pack School Bags for Moldova
Dedicate Moldova School Bags on September 26.
Provide welcome bags for Nursery School Children
Children's Christmas Party on December 5.
Children's Christmas Skit on December 19.

Thank You!



Learn about our Brethren heritage! Join a Sunday school class this fall!

Starting Sunday, September 5 all ages will study *Let Our Joys Be Known*. An adult class (in addition to Adult Bible and Pathfinders) will meet in the quilt room. Come join us! The children's classes will be split this fall with grades K-3 upstairs in room 209 and grades 4-5 in room 210. Discover what our Brethren heritage has to teach us about life with Jesus.

Annual Disaster Relief Auction Volunteer Opportunities

September 14
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Make Applesauce & Assemble
Plastic ware Packs

September 23
6:00 – 7:00 pm

Package Applesauce and Pepper Cabbage

September 24
2:45 – 4:40 pm or 4:40 – Cleanup
Help at Chicken BBQ Dinner

Contact Irvy & Joyce Groff or Barb & Donna Riehl

for more information.

Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship area.

Zuck Property Update

The committee is currently working on the 145 East Main Street house and plan to have it cleaned and painted by September 30. Some materials from Brubaker Manor at Brethren Village were salvaged to use in both properties. Kitchen cabinets and a bathroom vanity will be reused to up grade this house. Much more needs to be done. Contact Dennis Haldeman or Lloyd Wenger to find out when the next work days are.



Anniversaries

- 4 Eugene & Nancy Wile
- 6 John & Charlene Richardson
- 7 Tedd & Ruth Morgan
- 11 Ben & Alma Landis
- 14 John & Nancy Hershey
- 16 John & Renee Porter
- 17 George & Sadie Good
- 21 Raymond & Carolyn Shirk
- 22 Jon & Deanne Reinhard
- 25 Lloyd & Wilma Wenger
- 25 Carl & Ann Burkhart
- 26 Brent & Kristi Regitz
- 27 Matt & Megan Riehl

Birthdays

- 3 David Haldeman
- 11 Lee Kennedy
- 11 Gloria Burkhart
- 13 Jane Fitze
- 14 Barb Riehl
- 15 Phoebe Oellig
- 15 Mary Darras
- 15 Austin Diener
- 17 Sadie Good
- 26 Terry Bohannon
- 29 Audrey Myer

Assistants

Head Ushers: Glenn Shirk

Ushers: Travis, Lisa, Avery & Quinn Fox, Bernie & Ethel Ritchie, Candy Myer, John, Austin & Merinda Porter

North Door Greeters

- 5 – Dale & Lydiann Bentzel
- 12 – Frank & Phoebe Oellig
- 19 – Landis & Audrey Myer
- 26 – Candy Myer

South Door Greeters

- 5 – Pastors Alan & Kathy Miller
- 12 – Lietta Milton
- 19 – Frank & Phoebe Oellig
- 26 – Landis & Audrey Myer

Children's Church

5 – No Children's Church

- 12 – Lee Kennedy, Lori Smoker
- 19 – Tracy Bui, John Porter
- 26 – Emily & Emily, Cindy Duffy

Toddler Nursery

- 5 – John Porter, Cindy Duffy
- 12 – Ruth Morgan, Lietta Milton
- 19 – Lee Kennedy, Donna Shirk
- 26 – Tracy Bui, Dave Duffy

Baby Nursery

- 5 – Sadie Good, Nora Garber
- 12 – Joyce Groff
- 19 – Lydiann Bentzel
- 26 – Candy Myer

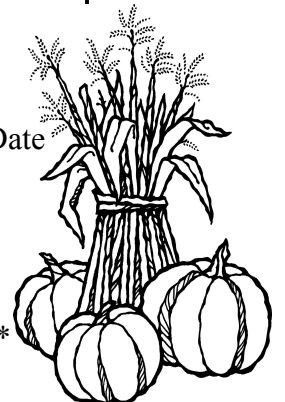


Remember our children in prayer as they return to school this month.

Looking Ahead to October...

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| 10/1 | 10:00 am | Brethren Village Communion
Love Feast Preparation |
| 10/3 | 6:00 pm | Love Feast |
| 10/5 | 7:00 pm | Praise Team Practice |
| 10/6 | 6:00 pm | Connection Place |
| | 7:30 pm | Choir Practice |
| 10/9 & 10/10 | | District Conference |
| 10/10 | 8:45 am | Continental Breakfast |
| | Noon | 4 th Annual Cruise-In to Fall |
| 10/11 | 7:00 pm | Leadership Team Meeting |
| 10/13 | 7:30 pm | Choir Practice |
| 10/14 | 6:30 am | Ladies Prayer Group |
| 10/17 | Noon | 4 th Annual Cruise-In Rain Date |
| 10/20 | 9:00 am | Women's Spiritual Retreat |
| | 7:30 pm | Choir Practice |
| 10/26 | 7:00 pm | Praise Team Practice |
| 10/27 | 7:30 pm | Choir Practice |

Pastors on Vacation from 10/25 until 11/1



SEPTEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6p Connection Place 7:30p Choir	2	3	4
5 *Heritage SS Starts	6 <i>Labor Day</i>	7 7:30p Praise Team	8 7a LAMP 7:30p Choir	9	10	11
12 8:45a Continental Breakfast <i>Grandparents Day</i>	13 7p Leadership Team	14 6p Prepare Applesauce/ Package Plastic Silverware	15 7:30p Choir	16 *Beacon Submissions Due*	17	18
19 12p Soup & Sand Congregational Forum	20 7p Deacons	21	22 6:30a LAMP 7:30p Choir	23 6p Pack Pepper Cabbage and Applesauce	24 Disaster Relief Auction	25
26 *Dedicate School Kits *Budget Reports Due	27	28 7p Properties	29 7:30p Choir	30		

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Sunday School 9:00 am
Morning Worship 10:15 am

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Monday, Wednesday & Friday AM

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Office Schedule 8 am - Noon

Monday, Wednesday - Friday