

New Paris Church of the Brethren



The New Paris Church of the Brethren PURPOSE STATEMENT, as adopted by the Church Board: The New Paris Church of the Brethren exists to proclaim God's Word, share God's love and acceptance, and encourage spiritual growth, for the glory of God and our neighbor's good.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday School
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OFFICE HOURS:

8:00 AM – 12 NOON
Monday – Friday



The New Paris Neighbor

April 2018



My, oh my, sakes alive; here I find myself at 65!! This is my feeble attempt to create and type poetry. I am trying to find some humor in this aging process called life. How did I reach sixty-five already?

One of our sons asked me that question on my birthday. I said I got here by living one day at a time. As I type this article, I am in the second day of my sixty-sixth year of living. The way my mind works, makes this a time where once again I reflect on life.

Sixty-five is a milestone of sorts. I am trying to decide if it is a good or bad one. ☺ As a believer, aging milestones are good; because each and every day we live, we are one day closer to living forever with Jesus. Reflect with me about age milestones.

I remember being glad that I could go to Bible school. I really enjoyed that. I believe when I first was involved in Bible school, it lasted two weeks.

When I grew up, not many people went to kindergarten. The next birthday I anticipated was my sixth, when I could begin school. The next important age was ten. My sisters and I had one

birthday party as children and it occurred around our tenth birthday. Then came the age of thirteen or so when I went to Jr High School, fifteen it was off to high school.

Sixteen was great; we could be tested for our driver's license. Eighteen for me was graduation time and voting privileges. The day after I turned eighteen, the age for voting went from twenty-one to eighteen. At twenty-one I was my own boss. ☺ (Age eighteen now, not sure this is good; I was more mature at twenty-one than eighteen.)

The next age that seemed to affect me was thirty. It was not too traumatic, but somehow when one asked my age; twenty something seemed much younger than thirty something did. For me, forty was traumatic. I am not sure why, but I took that birthday hard. Friends and family certainly livened up that birthday, but I suddenly seemed old. Fifty came and went, not much reaction from me. Sixty raised my eyebrows, I remembered grandpa saying he could not believe he had a son (my dad) that was sixty years old. Folks, this was uttered in 1990 and truth be told it only seems to me like it happened about seven years ago instead of twenty-eight years ago.

Now, I find myself at 65. I remember when dad and mom hit that age, 1995/1996 and that seems like seven years or so ago. Forty, the year that traumatized me is now looking very young. We now have a son that is 40 years old. Lord, have mercy.

When I reflect on NPCOB in 1998 and fast-forward 20 years to 2018, the changes we have undergone are astounding. I remember the many who have died in these 20 years; the many who are now struggling with health concerns who were very healthy in 1998.

I must also reflect of course on all the people who were not here in 1998, perhaps not even born; the weddings and baby dedications that have occurred. This helps balance life out. However, I am keenly aware that the next twenty years will bring many more changes and by now, I understand it will not seem like 20 years until it happens.

Several events bring me to this time of reflection I share with you. My dad being in a nursing home and some recent deaths at the Codorus COB that have been sobering to me. Some people I really looked up to in my earlier years have entered their eternal reward. I

am happy for them, but sad for me. I know when we go back to PA; I will not see these persons. One of these special people in my life died on March 21st. He greatly encouraged me as I attempted to follow the call of the Lord. This reminds me of the following scripture. *“Eccl. 3:1-8 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, 6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, 7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, 8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.”* The next scripture also comes to mind. *“Ps 90:10 The length of our days is seventy years — or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.”*

I cannot emphasize how true the last part of verse ten is; the years quickly pass and fly away. This scripture does not promise that everyone is guaranteed the age of seventy or eighty. It simply numbers the age many will achieve.

My dad; when I visited him and saw pictures of him, it was obvious he was changing. His health care providers felt he had entered another stage of dementia. When I struggle to get up some mornings, not wanting to leave the warm confines of the bed, I wondered about dad. What if anything did he think when he woke up? What if anything did he look forward to? I do not know and it seemed to others and me that he was not thinking about anything. I am so glad that he did not seem unhappy to be there.

I don't want this article to be a downer, simply one that reminds us that life on this earth will not last forever. Wherever you find yourself in life, however old you are, be ready. With the Lord's help, I pray I can enjoy each moment of life. One thing I know for sure, no matter what this life brings in joys or challenges, there is a better life coming. I am ready to go to eternal life whenever the Lord says it is time. Blessings and love, *Pastor Stan*



Sermon Topics

04/01 – Easter Sunday The Greatest Prank Ever?

Luke 24:1-8

As a kid, I loved April fool's day. Oh how I loved to trick an unsuspecting person. I do not remember Easter falling on April Fool's day before (the last time was 1956, I was alive but do not remember.) On this day, we will look at the supposed greatest prank ever. Only one problem; it was not a prank. ☺

04/08 – Series in Romans Continues "Life and Death Part 1"

Romans 5:12-17

This is the first of a two-part message discussing life and death.

Every human will adventure through these two realities, as long as the Lord tarries. This message deals more with death but begins the transition into life.

04/15 – Series in Romans Continues Life and Death Part 2

Romans 5:18-21

This second message on life and death focuses more on life. The believer has life in abundance and it is eternal. We will also see some differences and similarities in law and grace.

04/22 – Series in Romans Continues "Baptized Into What?"

Romans 6:1-4

This is a great question. Some people are baptized into a certain denomination. Some are baptized into Church membership. Some feel they are baptized into salvation. Some feel when they are baptized, they will sin no more. What does scripture say?

04/29 – Series in Romans Continues "Alive to God"

Romans 6:5-11

As humans roam this world, they will serve something or someone.

Some serve themselves. Others serve false gods. Believers serve the Lord God Almighty. Who is it you serve?

To Whom are you alive?



Prayer Concerns

Experiencing the Loss of Loved Ones: the **Best family** in their loss of Jill's mom Phyllis Bosler; the **Cripe, Hunter & Garris family** in their loss of Craig Allen Cripe. He was Kristi Garris's brother. The **Godfrey family** in their loss of Stan Godfrey, Sr.; the **Mullet family** in their loss of Diana, who was a 5th grade student at Millersburg Elementary; the **Schrock and Miller families** in their loss of Mel Schrock, Merv Miller's brother-in-law

Experiencing/recovering from health problems: Skip Bauer; Howard Bixler; Evelyn & Kerri Bowman; Max Eisenhower; Randy Fudge; Dave Fuller; Jordan Hatfield; Chuck Hernley; Jane Holdeman; Don, Margaret & Shirley Juday; Kaydei & Mike Kurtz; Eleanor & Zach Lantz; Nadine Lengacher; Lynn Marchand; Jason, Judy, & Willie Miller; Brian & Max Mishler; Sarah & Shirly Moore; Tony Neff; Tom Perkins; Mike Reedy; Dorothy Rogers; Doris Runyan; Teresa Smith; Henry & Sandra Schrock; Connie Swald; Martha Weaver; Lon Wenger; DeeAnn, Doris & June Whitehead; Jackie Yoder; Zoe Zimmerman

Babies-Toddlers: Bells Ministry; Bauer, Piper & Reed Gorshuch; Josh Lambright; Manly Adoption; Leo Miller; Henry Nolt

Other Concerns: Jolene Bollinger; Clark family; Stacey Darr; Jenni Godfrey – pregnancy; McFarren Family; Jordan & Erin Smeltzer – 1 year in Guatemala; Ken & Wanda Weirich's move; Burundi; Kidnapped Nigerian girls; COB CHURCH in Nigeria; Our 2017-18 Youth & Leaders; world food crisis; unnamed requests; natural disasters

Those living with serious illness: **Diabetes:** Luke Krafton; Jerry Nettrouer; Vera Reynolds **Cancer:** Carol Alleshouse; Dave Fuller; Joan Gang; Jan Huber; Elberta Landenberger; Nancy Leatherman; Rosetta Laudermilk; Dale Manges; John Martin; JoLinda Petko; Kai Sanborn; Barbara Shrock; Judy Shumaker; Dan Swartzell; Anna Schwalm; Lon Symensma; Glen Yoder; Virginia Wysong **Heart:** Bill & Ruth Alfrey; Ted Carroll; Susan Conrad; Bonnie Drake; Norma Hershberger; Marilyn Hughes; Marge Neterer; Evelyn Nettrouer; Alberta Presley; Norm Reynolds; Phyllis Showalter; Phil Wagoner; Opal Weaver; Wayne Whitehead; Bob York; Melissa Zimmerman; Simon Zook **Liver:** Matthew Goppert; Jerrold Kauffman, Kathy Scott; Ray Whitehead **Lupus:** Lillian Hughes **MS:** Barb Arbor; Fran Gingerich; Pat Hammond; Sandy Thurn **Parkinson's:** Jim Altizer; Dorrie Godfrey; Gerry Gooch; Mike Neff; Sandra Schrock

Our Shut-Ins: Wilbur Bowman; John Loucks; Jean Mishler; Loyal Rogers; Marilyn Smith; Jack & Shirley Unley

Our Missionaries: The Bells (Kenya, Africa); Sharon Brubaker (Alabama); David & Veola Bucher (Alabama); Jason & Nicole Hoover; IU Christian Fellowship; Linc & Kay Myers (Budapest Hungary); Pat & Karen Myers (Philippines); Karen Neff (Taiwan); Zach & Monika Nolt (Maine); TNT China; Brandon Wenger; Ken & Janet Winebark (Texas).

Our Country, Government & the children of this community

Those in Leadership: Pastor Stan and family, Deacons, Church Board & Commissions.

In the Armed Service: Pat O'Keefe; Chad Sechrist; Daniel, Owen & Lindsey Stech



Bible Quiz

Awake

1. Who awoke after a night of dreaming and was afraid?
2. Which woman was told to awake and sing a song?
3. Who awoke and went away with the pin of a beam and a web in his hair?
4. What was the name of the man who, sleeping on a boat, awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea: "Peace be still"?
5. Who was the singer who asked a psaltery and harp to awake and praise God?
6. Which voyager, sleeping through a storm at sea, was awakened by the shipmaster?
7. Which little boy, sleeping in the Temple, was awaked four times by God's voice?
8. Which prophet, sleeping under a juniper tree, was awakened by an angel who had a meal ready for him to eat?
9. What was the name of a guest who was awakened at daybreak by his host after he had slept all night on a roof?
10. Which king ordered the book of records of the chronicles be brought and read to him when could not sleep?

Answers found on page 13.



Giving the Gift of Prayer

One of the best ways to love others is to pray for them. Jesus is our ultimate example in this. The New Testament tells us about Jesus praying for others on many occasions, and even shows us that He continues to come to the Father on our behalf. *Romans 8:34* says, that He “*is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*” Even after showing such selfless love at the cross, the risen and ascended Lord Jesus Christ continues to express His care for us by praying for us at this very moment.

All around us are people who need us to follow Jesus’s example and love them with our prayers, inviting God’s help and intervention in their lives. We can ask God to help us pray for them, and He will! May our loving Lord strengthen us to generously give the gift of our prayers for others today.

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for praying for me. Help me to serve You and others through faithfully praying today.

By James Banks
Our Daily Bread
March 14, 2018

<https://odb.org/2018/03/14/giving-the-gift-of-prayer/>



Announcements

WOMEN & GIRLS GAME NIGHT is on April 20 from 6-9 PM. There will be a light dinner/snacks available. There is no cost to attend. Bring games and puzzles that you love and your friends. It will be a great night of fellowship and fun.

THE WITNESS COMMISSION is collecting needed supplies for Church World Services during April and May. There are slips of paper with a list of the needed items located in one of the buckets in the narthex. Please purchase the items and bring them to the church with the slip of paper listing the supplies (like we do for the Christmas presents in December.) This will help the Witness Commission to make sure they have the right number of items for each bucket. The goal is to fill 5 buckets.

THE CHURCH WEBSITE: has undergone a makeover. Take a look at npcob.com.

DID YOU MISS PASTOR STAN'S SERMON FROM LAST WEEK? You may now listen to it by going to npcob.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: The Women's Fellowship is offering an opportunity to volunteer at the World Missionary Press monthly. If you want to be part of this, let Pam Reedy know.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: The Women's Fellowship is offering a second opportunity to volunteer at Church Community Services (CCS) in Elkhart. This organization is now 50 years old. Their mission is to help people of Elkhart County weather life's storms and build more secure futures through emergency assistance and intensive job and life skills training. You may sign up on the paper outside the nursery or e-mail or call Kay Method.

SOUP FOR SUCCESS: The Women's Fellowship will help put together soup mixes for "Soup for Success" on Wednesday, April 11 at 6:00 PM. This is a job and life skills training for women. Persons 10 years of age and older are welcome to go along and help. You may sign up on the paper outside the nursery or e-mail or call Kay Method.



Guess Who

1. **Birthday:** January 31, 1985
2. **Birthplace:** Elkhart General Hospital
3. **Book you are reading now:** *“Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus”* by Lois Tverberg
4. **Favorite hobby or past time:** Scrapbooking, sewing, crafts, & basketball
5. **Perfect pizza:** Lots of cheese, peppers, onions, sausage, pepperoni, & tomatoes
6. **Last movie you watched:** "I Can Only Imagine."
7. **Favorite TV show:** Last Man Standing
8. **Instrument played:** Piano & flute
9. **A weakness of yours:** Brownies
10. **A fear:** Worms & parasites. They are so gross!
11. **A strength:** I am not easily embarrassed. A lot of things don't bother me.
12. **Goal you wish to achieve this year:** Pray more often & intentionally
13. **Bedtime:** 10:00 PM
14. **Wake up time:** Work days – 5:30 AM & 7:30 on all other days
15. **Thoughts when you first awake:** Snooze
16. **Favorite restaurant:** Heinnies & Bonefish Grill
17. **Favorite Bible verse:** *Psalm 27, Eccl. 3:11-12 & 1 John 3:18*
18. **Most memorable NPCOB moment:** Dan's proposal
19. **Which church pew can you be found in:** 2nd pew, organ side
20. **What is your job/where do you work:** ICU RN at Goshen Hospital
21. **How long have you attended NPCOB:** 9 years



Bloopers

- Women's Luncheon: Each member bring a sandwich. Polly Phillips will give the medication.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.



Serving You This Month

Acolytes:

- 1 Micah B. & Natalee L.
- 8 Lydia G. & Logan M.
- 15 Natalia F. & Gracie Z.
- 22 CJ Drake & Katie K.
- 29 Lydia G. & Presley M.

Chorister Schedule:

- 1 Pam Reedy
- 8 Worship Team
- 15 Cindy Clayton
- 22 Worship Team
- 29 Pam Reedy

Story Tellers:

- 1 Heidi Mathews
- 8 Curtis Drake
- 15 Natalie Leach
- 22 Emily Barton
- 29 Esther Burger

Greeters:

- 1 Sandi B. & Betty M.
- 8 Sally McFarren & Betty Miller
- 15 Bob & Pam Reedy
- 22 Leonard J. & Suzy K.
- 29 Betty M. & Don Parcell

Nursery During Worship:

- 1 Katie Miller
- 8 Ashley Lambright
- 15 Heather Steffen
- 22 Nadine Godfrey
- 29 Barb Toole

Worship Leaders:

- 1 Brett Whitehead
- 8 Worship Team
- 15 Jason Miller
- 22 Worship Team
- 29 Curtis Drake

Scripture Readers:

- 1 Steve Stump
- 8 Kayla Freund
- 15 Pam Reedy
- 22 Julie Dooley
- 29 Dorothy Rogers

Ushers:

Barry Whitehead,
Ed & Darla Miller,
Walter Bowman

Coffee Kitchen:

Sonseekers

Children's Church:

- 22 Holly Kuhn, Natalia
Freund, Natalie Lambright,
& Rosemary Wagoner

Nursery During Sunday School:

- 1 Holly Kuhn
- 8 Sarah Moore
- 15 Kayla Freund
- 22 Heidi Mathews
- 29 Emily Barton



Statistics

MONTHLY STATISTICS:

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| Average Sunday School Attendance: | 89 |
| Average Worship Attendance: | 129 |
| Average General Fund Offering: | \$5,245.01 |

GENERAL FUND REPORT:

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| Given: | \$55,559.85 |
| Needed: | \$52,086.46 |
| Difference: | \$3,473.79 |



Recipe from Esther Burger

Cheddar Cheese Baked Chicken

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| 4 Skinless chicken breasts | 2 sleeves of crushed Ritz crackers |
| 1/4 tsp. salt | 1/8 tsp. pepper |
| 1/2 cup milk | 3 cups shredded cheddar cheese |
| 1 tsp. parsley | |

Sauce:

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| 1 can cream of chicken soup | 2 tsp. sour cream |
| 2 tsp. butter | |

Have 3 bowls – one for milk, one for cheese, & one for the crackers.

Combine the salt & pepper with the crackers. Dip the chicken into the milk, then into the cheese (may need to press the cheese onto the chicken.) Press the crackers onto the chicken.

Place the chicken in a sprayed 9 x 13 pan. Sprinkle parsley over the chicken. Cover the pan with foil. Bake 35 minutes at 400°.

Remove the foil & bake an additional 10 – 15 minutes.

Mix the sauce ingredients in a pan until warm or blended. Pour over chicken.

Serve



Youth News

Thank you to all parents for graciously allowing your youth to assist and lead our worship service on Youth Sunday. We greatly appreciate your willingness to share your teen with our congregation. Every year our congregation looks forward to this service. They love to see the youth and hear how God is working in their lives. This is a special group of youth, and as leaders we truly look forward to seeing your kids each week. If your family is not currently involved in a church and are seeking a church family, we would love to have you join us! Our service starts at 9 AM every Sunday morning. The service is always followed by coffee time and then Sunday School. If you have questions about our service/ programs or are in need of Pastoral care please feel free to contact us leaders or Pastor Stan. God Bless You All!!!!

April 2018: We welcome all AWANA graduates who are leaving sixth grade and entering seventh grade in the fall to join us for the remaining school year. Youth starts at 6 PM and ends at 8:15 PM.

April 11, 2018 Service Project: Trash pickup along county road 42. We will meet in the youth room at 6:00 PM and leave immediately to pick up trash. All youth should dress for the weather and should wear older shoes in case of mud or water in the ditch. If you have work gloves, bring them along. If not, we always have some for those without. We also give the youth orange vests, given to us by the highway department, to insure safety. We will eat and have devotions when we return to the church.



May 30, 2018: Wash and slice strawberries for the strawberry shortcake sale on June 1st and 2nd. PLEASE PARENTS!!!!!!!!!!!! Join us this evening. We need your help! Bring a knife, or whatever you use to top and slice strawberries along with you. This is a major fundraiser for the youth and we need all the help we can get. None of us want to slice strawberries until midnight. 😊 😊

June 1 and 2nd: Strawberry shortcake sale. We need youth and parents to help sell shortcake both days. This is a fun couple of days! We take our shortcake on the road, so plenty of opportunity to walk and sell or sell in the church basement.

June 6, 2018: Last regular youth meeting for the summer. The youth leaders and cabinet will plan a couple of summer gatherings. More about these events later.



Studying God's Word

HOW TO
FEAST
ON THE
WORD OF GOD

F **FOCUS**
Ask God to focus your heart
and mind on Him:
**WHAT DO YOU WANT ME
TO LEARN TODAY?**

E **ENGAGE**
Read the passage and engage it
by writing down observations:
WHAT DOES IT SAY?

a **ASSESS**
Assess the main idea of
the passage:
**WHAT DID IT MEAN
TO THE ORIGINAL
AUDIENCE?**

S **SPARK**
Ask the Holy Spirit to spark
transformation in your life:
**HOW DOES THIS
APPLY TO ME?**

T **TURN**
Turn your mind and heart
toward God in worship:
**HOW SHOULD I
RESPOND TO GOD?**

ONE THING ALONE . COM / STUDY

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Jacob (Gen. 28:11-17), 2. Deborah (Judg. 5:12), 3. Samson (Judg. 16:13-14),
4. Jesus (Mark 4:37-39), 5. David (Ps. 57:8-9), 6. Jonah (Jonah 1:4-6),
7. Samuel (I Sam. 3:1-10), 8. Elijah (I Kings 19:2-6),
9. Saul (I Sam. 9:25-26) 10. Ahasuerus (Esther 6:1-2)

ANSWER TO GUESS WHO

Jenni Godfrey



BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---------------------|----|------------------|
| 3 | Crosby Griffith | 11 | Travis Eisenhour |
| | Madison J. Mommer | 12 | Nadine Godfrey |
| | Dean Neterer | 13 | Chad Lambright |
| 4 | Lydia Griffith | 15 | Kristi Garris |
| | Brantley Mathews | 16 | Parker Niksch |
| 5 | Ellie Parks | 19 | Opal Weaver |
| | Liv Miller | 22 | Steve Stump |
| 6 | Tyler Bontrager | 24 | Dick Method |
| | Betty Miller | 26 | Tina Elliott |
| | Jerry Netrouer, Sr. | | Aaron Parks |
| 7 | Hannah Toole | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Dana & Susan Mathews
- 4 Brett & Kayla Freund
- 7 Jim & Jill Best
- 17 Barry & Deb Whitehead
- 18 Max & Jean Mishler
- Nate & Samantha Steffen
- 25 Dave & Angie McFarren
- 29 Jason & Katie Miller



- 4/01 7:00 AM Sonrise Service at Maple Grove COB
- 9:00 AM Easter Worship at NPCOB - no Sunday School

- 4/09 6:00 PM Nurture Commission meets

- 4/10 5:30 PM Witness Commission meets
- 6:30 PM Stewards Commission meets
- 7:00 PM Worship and Ministry Commission meets

- 4/11 6:00 PM The Women’s Fellowship will be putting together soup mixes for Soup for Success.
- 6:00 PM Youth meets weekly
- 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study meets weekly

- 4/11 NOON BOARD REPORTS ARE DUE**

- 4/15 11:30 AM AWANA Staff Appreciation carry in

- 4/17 6:30 PM Board Meeting

- 4/19 3:00 PM Greencroft Bible study

- 4/20 10:30 AM 60+ Seniors meet in the cabin
- 6:00 PM Women & Girls Game Night

- 4/21 8:00 AM Men’s breakfast at Angel’s House of Pancakes

- 4/22 9:20 AM Children’s Church

- 4/23 NOON COUNCIL REPORTS ARE DUE**

- 4/29 11:30 AM All church carry in
- 1:00 PM Spring Council Meeting in the sanctuary
- ALL DAY Food Pantry Sunday

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