

# The Valley Echoes

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## Church Family Picnic

### Games, Swimming & Picnic at the Miller's

Grace and Gary Miller are inviting everyone to come to their home for swimming, games, and a picnic supper on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00pm. The Millers will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. Attending families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert, and their beverage. There will be swimming, and games such as croquet, horseshoes, and others. A picnic supper will be served around 5:30pm. Come prepared to have a good time!

### Summer Bread & Cup Communion

Plan to attend church on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> when we will share in bread and cup communion. You have a place at the Lord's table.



## Church Family News

**Health Concerns:** Linda Sonczewski's mother, **Carrie Talley**, has not been doing well, recently undergoing more tests. . . Mandy Robert's dad, **Randy Georgieff**, continues to receive chemotherapy. Along the way, he has changed jobs... Eugenia Dunn's mother, **Theresa**, recently underwent abdominal surgery in Nigeria... **Ed Erdman** went thru tests to discover what is up with his left leg. He's also interviewing for a new supervisory position at work... A brain MRI showed no tumor for **Mitch Roberts' grandfather**. A move to be closer to family in Maryland will happen as soon as their NJ house can be sold.

**Remembering:** On June 1<sup>st</sup>, **Lois Webb** died peacefully at Gilcrest hospice center. Many of us gathered for her Memorial Service on June 4<sup>th</sup>, a time full of tears and laughter. Her grandchildren, whom she adored, had a part in the service. Thanks to everyone who helped with the meal afterward. We will miss her! Keep upholding **Ron**, her husband of 49 years, and **sons Stephen, Randy & family**. Grief is a long time process.

**Moving/Directory Updates:** By the time you receive this, **Bruce & Bonnie Hedrick** should be settled into their new apartment in Virginia Towers. ...**Nancy Seim** has shared updated contact information for her.....New parents **Rob & Jeanesse Miller**.

**Visitors:** **Paul & Rebecca** (Sack) **Mosley** and their sons **Oren** and **David** are on home leave this summer from their work as Mennonite Central Committee representatives in Bujumbura, Burundi. Rebecca shared a bit during worship on June 12 what God is doing in that east African nation and about the new school that is receiving the books we helped to send.

**Joy!:** On May 28<sup>th</sup> **Grace & Gary Miller** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. After worship the next day, daughter Gina, surprised her folks with cake in honor of the occasion... It's graduation time. On June 26<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated with several of our young people the tossing of their tassel. Beyond our congregation, both **Eva Simmons** and **Floyd Myers** enjoyed being part of their granddaughters' graduation from College... **Gail & Mike Hanna** were once again part of the *Gelfman Ride Across Maryland* to benefit breast cancer research. This year the riders raised \$315,000 to benefit the Susan G Komen Foundation.

**Continue to pray for:** Our brother in prison, **Callixtus Nwaehiri**. Keep sending your notes of encouragement to: Callixtus Nwaehiri, #42557-037, FCI Fort Dix, P.O. Box 2000, Fort Dix, New Jersey 08640

## July Birthdays

1 Mary Kay Larson  
2 Marian Bollinger  
5 Jim Showalter  
7 Eric Shenk  
8 Vicki Raistrick  
10 Carleigh Duncan  
14 Dusty Smith  
16 Stacey Campbell  
17 Norman Bollinger  
    Karl Huber  
    Rebecca Sack Mosley  
19 Glenda Bowman  
21 Peter Grubb  
22 Bill Albright  
23 Gary Miller  
    Terri Smyth  
24 Rowen Bachelor  
26 Mary Kreider  
27 Diane Pennell  
    Stephen Schaefer  
    Earl Braun  
    Elijah Underwood  
28 Tessa Haynes  
29 Mary Kagarise  
    Todd Stephen  
30 Stanley Groves  
    Glenn Raistrick  
31 Michael Kagarise  
    Jonathan Larson

## August Birthdays

2 Jennifer Breidenbaugh  
    Kristen Scala  
    Quinn Scala  
3 Richard Wheatley  
    Dennis Rosas  
4 Maurice Brown  
    Jacob Weagly  
    Eric Hurst  
5 Abigail Lewis  
    Katie Breidenbaugh  
6 Cinda Showalter  
7 Ian Raistrick  
    Lois Knight  
9 Ken Bowman  
    Maggie Wolf  
    Savannah Sagandoy  
10 Mark Smith  
13 Sean Baity  
    Peter Haynes  
14 Ashley Champ  
19 Zermain Breindenbaugh  
21 Jean Sack  
22 Rachael Bachelor  
    Katelyn Hidebrand  
23 Donna Groves  
    Sean White  
    Morgan Scala  
26 Sara Shenk  
28 Jeannie Schwartz  
30 Nancy Seim  
    Emily Tipton  
31 Ashley Groves  
    Tim Shenk  
    Shelby Martin



### July Anniversaries:

5 Brad & Renee Kay  
13 Dwayne & Paula Miller  
15 Jonathan & Jan Bollinger  
18 Mitch & Amanda Roberts  
19 Marty & Jill Keeney  
20 Charlies & Edna Mueller

### August Anniversaries:

3 Carl & Lillie Mae Palmer  
6 David & Jean Sack  
8 Glenn & Vicki Raistrick  
11 Todd & Patti Stephen  
11 Mike & Gail Hanna  
11 Melvin & Lois Horst  
12 Bob & Lynn Duncan  
14 Dale & Betty Stephen  
16 Jonathan & Mary Kay Larson  
21 David & Marilyn Ebaugh  
23 Israel & Nancy Rosas  
27 David & Bonnie Bayless

### Record of our Faithfulness

	Worship Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Regular Offering	Special Offering	Total Offering
May 29	74	32	\$1612.00	\$651.00	\$2263.00
June 5	71	*Sunday	3618.00	45.00	3663.00
June 12	57	School	3060.00	328.00	3388.00
June 19	68	Summer	1608.00	938.00	2546.00
		Break*			
Total	270		9898.00	1962.00	11860.00
Average	68		2474.50	490.50	2965.00

Regular offerings needed to meet our **2011** budget: \$2,872. Remember to keep up your promise to God even when you cannot be present in church on Sunday.

### Head Usher s for the month of July :

Gary Miller & John Ness

### Head Usher s for the month of August :

Floyd Myers & Mike Kagarise Jr.

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**Results of the Board reorganization – June 14**

Chair: John Ness

Vice Chair: Sue Ellen Wheatley

**Nurture**

Georgia Smith  
 Lori Erdman  
 Daniel Wheatley  
 Eugenia Dunn

**Stewards**

Kay Kearns\*  
 Bill Albright  
 Mel Horst  
 Mitch Roberts


**Witness**

Sue Ellen Wheatley  
 Floyd Myers  
 Kathleen Nuttall  
 Lois Knight

Persons to serve as commission chairs and secretaries have yet to be decided.

\*Kay was appointed to fill Tony Miller's unexpired 2 year term.

# July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Praise 9:50am Worship 10am  <b>Annual</b>	4  <b>Conference</b>	5  <b>Grand Rapids</b>	6 Quilters 9am-3pm  <b>Michigan</b>	7	8	9 Church Picnic @ Miller's  <b>2011</b>
10 Praise 9:50am Worship 10:00am	11	12	13  Quilters 9am-3pm	14	15	16  MAD youth sponsored event: Orioles game 23
17 Praise 9:50am Worship 10:00am	18	19	20  Quilters 9am-3pm	21	22	23
24 Praise 9:50am Worship 10am 31 Praise 9:50am Worship	25	26	27  Quilters 9am-3pm	28  SERRV	29	30

## Anointing

*"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord."* (James 5:14) This ordinance of the church is available whenever needed. Contact Pastor Pete or a Deacon.

## Prayer Request

Our prayer chain is available to pray for special needs. Call the church office or Pastor Pete to initiate the chain with a request.

## Pastoral Care

Please let Pastor Pete know of any special needs. He can't visit you in the hospital, for instance, if he doesn't know you are there. Feel free to call. Office: 410-592-9300 Home: 410-592-6343

## Who's in the office?

**Pastor Pete** can generally be reached in the church office Mon - Fri 9 am - 12 noon. His day off is Saturday, though some weekend activities require him to take family time off elsewhere.

# You're Invited

Come and celebrate 20  
years of summer camp  
ministry at Shepherd's  
Spring

*WHEN:* Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011

1-7pm

*Where:* Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministry Center

PO Box 369

Sharpsburg, MD 21782

*What is planned?:* FUN for the whole family!

*Dunk Tanks, Kiss the Critter contest, camp sing a longs, and Mile Stone auctions are in the works!*

*Chicken dinners will be served 4-6:30pm.*

*Crafters will have items for sale.*

*An anniversary walk and other tours are planned.*

*Some activities are FREE, and some allow you to support Summer Camp ministry through donations, sponsors or buying goodines!*

***At 7pm we'll gather for Vespers at the Spring!***

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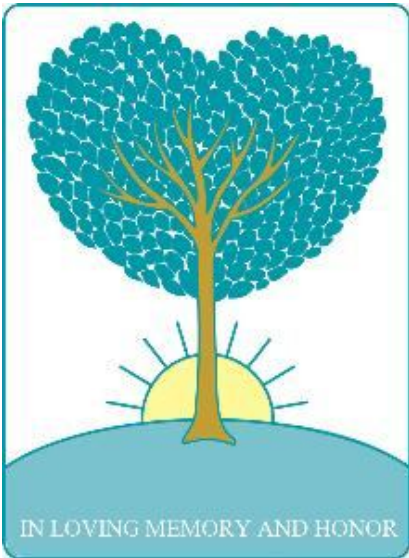
## **Volunteers Needed at Shepherd's Spring**

Another great **volunteer opportunity** is available on August 27. Shepherd's Spring will be hosting the Meritus Health System's annual family day! We are expecting 2000 visitors that day to enjoy Shepherd's Spring. About 150 volunteers will be needed for this event. Volunteers will be divided into 5 shifts beginning at 7am and running through 9pm. So, if you have three hours to help welcome our neighbors to Shepherd's Spring, we would love to have your help! We ask that volunteers be 16 or older. We are especially in search of face painters, and some additional animals/ caretakers for our petting zoo. There are lots of other opportunities as well, from trash removal to parking to moon bounce monitoring! Call Donna to find an opportunity that fits you!



Please check the back board for more details concerning the walks. Walking starts at 9am unless there is a Men's Breakfast (each third Saturday of the month), and then that day walking starts at 10am. Rain or Shine. Call Gail if you have any questions concerning that day's walk.

	Date	Champions	Place
7/2 7/9	Have a safe holiday week-end: No organized walk planned...but still move Edna & Charlie Mueller	Ma & Pa Trail (Balt County) Ashland and Paper Miller area	
7/16	Gary Miller	Jacksonville Senior Center 3605 Sweet Air Road	
7/23	Kay Kearns	@ Spenciola	Forest Hill Friends Park starting
7/30	Gail & Mike Hanna	Winters Run Greenway 399 Singer Rd, Abingdon MD	
8/6	Mandy & Mitch Roberts	Equestrian Center 608 North Tollgate Rd, Bel Air (Harford County Fair Grounds)	
8/13	Teresa Albright	Gunpowder Falls State Park 2813 Jerusalem Road/Kingsville	
8/20	Mandy & Mitch Roberts	Gunpowder Park Near 10090 block Bel Air Rd Across from Gunpowder Lodge Stenous	
8/27	Jean Sack	Equestrian Center 608 North Tollgate Rd, Bel Air (Harford County Fair Grounds)	
9/3	Have a safe holiday week-end: No organized walk planned...but still move <i>More places to walk coming in September. We will continue our walks and possibly ending with the Church Crop Walk.</i>		



Father's Day Contributions to Support Disaster Relief Fund  
 On June 19<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day, a special offering was collected in honor and memory of  
 Dads. The offering, which collected over \$600, will be used for disaster relief.

In Loving Honor of:

- Nobel Sack - Dave & Jean Sack
- Robert Alexander – Dave & Jean Sack
- Lawrence Nwaehiri
- Jonathan Kaue
- Bill Nuttall – Kathleen Nuttall
- Charles Mueller – Nancy Campbell
- Steve Smith – Sarah Smith
- Russ Knight – Lois, Meghan, and Julianne Knight
- John Spoonhour – Lois, Meghan, and Julianne Knight
- Maurice O. Brown Jr – Belinda & Lewis Eichhorn
- Carl Palmer – Mary Hall & Sue Schroeder
- Carl Palmer – Carol Wallace

Carl Palmer – Barbara Raines

In Loving Memory:

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| Henry Eckhart – Carl & Lillie Mae Palmer    | Papa Lewie Breidenbaugh – Gary & Grace Miller   |
| Wade Palmer – Carl & Lillie Mae Palmer      | Joe Currens – Nancy & Israel Rosas              |
| Wesley Swigart – Kay Kearns                 | Alberto Rosas S. – Nancy & Israel Rosas         |
| Peter Murphy – Kathleen Nuttall             | Delph Groves – Stanley & Lucille Groves         |
| Cline Bowman – Janet Bowman                 | Jonas Sines – Stanley & Lucille Groves          |
| Raymond Myers – Floyd Myers                 | Leland Albright – William & Teresa Albright     |
| Louis Mancuso – William & Teresa Albright   | Wilbur S. Webb – Ronald Webb                    |
| Charles C. Mueller – Charles Mueller        | Cline Bowman – Jerry & Glenda Bowman            |
| J. Elvin Groff – Edna Mueller               | Harry Miller – Jerry & Glenda Bowman            |
| W.H. Meyers – Eva Simmons                   | Henry Eckhart – Carl Palmer & Lillie Mae Palmer |
| Bob Knight – Lois, Meghan & Julianne Knight | Henry Eckhart – Carol Wallace                   |
| Paw Paw Miller – Gary & Grace Miller        | Henry Eckhart – Barbara Raines                  |
| Edward R. Talley – Sonczewski Family        | Joseph Sonczewski – Sonczewski Family           |
| Elmer Eichelberger – Nancy Seim             | Karl Huber Sr. – Karl Huber Jr.                 |
| Maurice O. Brown Sr. – Maurice & Jane       | James Philip Greenplate – Jane Phyllis &        |
| Phyllis Brown                               | Maurice Brown Jr.                               |

## Welcoming to a not so new member

Many years ago, **Betty Tracey Chenoweth** was baptized into this congregation. Along her life journey, she married and joined her husband's church, St. Timothy Lutheran in Timonium. Together they brought a daughter into this world. Her husband died in the 1970's, but she remained a member of his church, even though she often came here with her parents, especially as a disease took away her mobility. She resides in Manor Care Nursing home on Charles Street in Towson, getting around now in a motorized wheelchair. She recently decided to return her membership to the church of her youth, the place she has always considered home. Welcome home to this beloved sister, who faithfully prays over our joys and concerns weekly.

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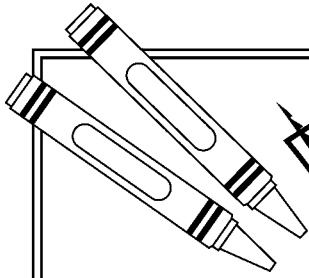
## Bible Quiz

How many animals did God tell Noah to bring into the ark?



- A. Two of each kind
- B. Seven pairs of clean animals and one pair each of unclean animals
- C. Both A and B
- D. None of the above

See Genesis 6:19-20 and 7:2-3 for the answer



# PUZZLE

## action-packed faith

The greatest "super men" who ever lived put their faith into action.

**Directions:** Match each Bible character to the correct description.

- Noah 1. This disciple wrote a gospel, recounting many events in Jesus' life.
- Stephen 2. This man responded to God's commands, including the order to move. God made many promises to this man and his descendants.
- Abraham 3. This man was eager to rebuild Jerusalem. He helped the people protect their city, reminding them that God was on their side.
- Luke 4. This man, who became king of Judah at a young age, obeyed God's laws and helped people repent.
- Nehemiah 5. God saved this honest, hard-working man from destruction by having him build a place of safety for his family and every kind of creature.
- Josiah 6. This man stood by God's Word, showing strength of character even when faced with persecution and death.

On the lines below, write your name and describe how you're a "hero" for God. What are some ways you put your faith into action?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers: Noah 5, Stephen 6, Abraham 2, Luke 1, Nehemiah 3, Josiah 4.

# Church of the Brethren Annual Conference July 2-6 Grand Rapids, Michigan Updates/News

Conference time is here! If you are not one of the lucky few that get to attend conference in person, you can still “attend” from your computer! For 2011, every business session and every worship service at Annual Conference will be webcast. To view the live broadcast over the internet, simply open your browser to [www.brethren.org/webcasts/ac2011.html](http://www.brethren.org/webcasts/ac2011.html), and then click on Annual Conference. The broadcast window will appear on the Annual Conference broadcast page. Additionally, recordings of each webcast will be available shortly after each session concludes, so those not able to watch live may view the recordings for the links provided.

Also, there will be onsite news reporting from Annual Conference beginning with reports from the Standing Committee meeting and other pre-conference events as of Friday, July 1, or even before. During the conference, daily news reports and photo albums will report on business decisions, worship, and other special events. The conference sermons will be posted online along with worship bulletins. This site is [www.brethren.org/news](http://www.brethren.org/news) .

There even is a facebook page for annual conference: check it out and follow throughout the conference week!



A year ago, several of us headed west for National Youth Conference in Colorado. Driving the van that first day of the trip, my left leg experienced progressively more pain. That was the last I drove for quite a while. Somehow I had partially torn a muscle which, first, needed time to heal and then, second, required time and effort to exercise back into usefulness. A month of physical therapy led to a membership at the “Y.” Nearly a year later, my leg is almost back to operating as it should... almost.

I have once again been learning the word, “gradual.” Healing takes time. It is a gradual process. It doesn’t happen immediately. There is no pill that quickens the pace to “overnight.” Believe me, I wish there had been. I would love to have hiked and climbed through all the places our youth group traveled last summer. I also wish I could go back and redo the week of camping me and my kids did at the beach the next month. Let me tell you, sand does not mix well with a leg brace. I anticipate enjoying summer more this year.

As many of you are aware, my family situation dramatically changed two years ago when Karen moved out. It’s been a gradual process since then of discovering a different path. It takes time and effort to reorient your life. Along the way, I’ve learned many things. For instance, grocery stores can be interesting places, and recipes are just suggestions. It takes less time (but more change) to use a Laundromat. There is joy to be found in cleaning behind the refrigerator... I still am learning. Things like how to be supportive to your kids as they seek to discover their own way in this world, and how to be a friend as well as a father. It takes time.

I think many of you know about this word “gradual.” Some because you have recently lost a loved one and it takes time to walk through grief and figure out what comes next. Others because you have faced your own illness, injury, or other mishap. Do you ever operate like you did before? I wonder. Seems to me that heart, mind, body, and spirit change through it all, and you don’t come out the same as you went in. Thank God it happens gradually. Really ... thank God! For the One who neither slumbers nor sleeps keeps watch over Israel, i.e. God is with us through it all. Step by step. How did we ever take that last step, if not for the Lord?

At some point this summer the legal ending of my marriage will take place. Agreements have been filed without contest. All that awaits is the date before a magistrate to make it official. Unlike a wedding, this is no celebration. It’s more like a funeral, which should involve some good news for those who trust in the One who said, “I am the resurrection and the life.” I’m ready. We all are. It’s time to move on.

See you along the way.

Pastor Pete