

Creekside Church of the Brethren Connection

June 2022

Something Different

Every season offers its gifts and graces to those with eyes and ears and hearts open to them. But I do love June with its warmer, longer days of sunshine and growth. I love seeing grass and trees, plants and flowers greening. I love the sprouting, growing and blooming and fruiting.

Gardeners compare notes. Is your garden ready? What are you planting this year? There are favorites that we plant every year, but it's also good to try something different.

Our church family is trying something different this summer. With the help of a Lilly grant, we're sending our beloved pastor Rosanna on Sabbatical in June through August. Details of her plans are available in the May newsletter, on a timeline in a hallway outside of our sanctuary, and in the recording of the May 22 worship service on our website. We will provide updates as she sends us news of her adventures.

With Pastor Rosanna we will be focusing on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) in worship, messages and Sunday School classes. The more I read Jesus' Sermon and read about it, the more potent and challenging I find it. The more you read it, the more you'll get out of it.

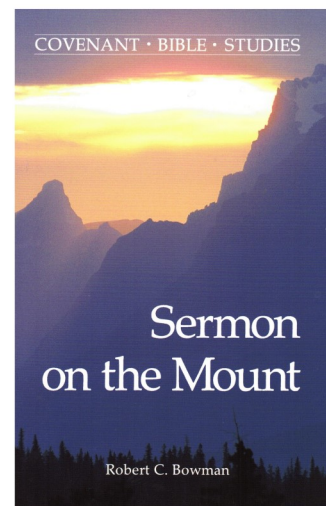
So, mark your Bibles and get a study guide if you haven't already done so. Be sure to get a bookmark. (Thanks Maryann Zerbe & Worship Team.) Let it remind us to pray for Pastor Rosanna and for our family of faith during this Sabbatical time.

Let us wonder what new lessons Jesus' Sermon on the Mount has for us and how together we can make the most of this time of Sabbath Rest.

I hope and pray that this Summer will be for Creekside COB a time of discovery and growth as we watch for new possibilities sprouting from the fertile soil of our faith.

Interim Pastor Tim

"Sermon on the Mount" study books are available in regular print and large print in the Gathering Area. The book is also available via email; call the office (574-875-7800) or email Marita (creeksidecob@gmail.com) to request a digital copy.



FROM THE CHURCH BOARD:

First of all, thank you for your continued support of the church, and while your financial support is very important, the gifts of your time and your talents or just your hard work inside and outside the church are needed and appreciated. We have a beautiful building and grounds and you keep it looking and operating that way. You are good stewards of Creekside.

In Pastor Rosanna's absence, one of the most important things we, as a Church Board, need to do is to be sure we are providing avenues of contact for you and responding to your questions. I hope we already have been doing that and we want to continue through Sabbath Rest as well. If you have questions, concerns, or you just want to rattle our chains, please don't hesitate to call.

Here are some numbers for you: Marita Barsoda, Admin. Assistant, 574-875-7800 (church office)
Pastor Tim Morphew 574-238-6383 (cell)
Larry Ford 574-875-8638 or 574-226-6070 (cell)

If none of us knows the answer to your question, we will find someone who does know the answer.

I came across this interpretation of Matthew 5:5 recently in "The Message" Bible. "You're blessed when you're content with who you are – no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought."

Creekside is blessed to have kind, caring, giving people who love God and love Creekside. Thank you for all you are and for all you do.

Larry Ford, Church Board Chair

FROM THE SHALOM TEAM:

Jan Nicodemus represented Creekside on April 12, 2022 in a Zoom training entitled **Seven Habits of Healthy Congregations**. The seven habits in order of importance include:

1. Praying
2. Do conflict well. Conflict resolution needs to be directly focused on relationship.
3. Make decisions in a healthy way. The *why is more important than the what or how*.
4. Focused more on those outside of the church
5. Value the process
6. Focus on adoption over assimilation. Don't focus on doctrine but on Jesus
7. Not territorial

"Culture is everything! Culture eats strategy for breakfast. Health is a culture thing. Culture change is the hardest to accomplish."

A copy of Jan's more detailed notes can be picked up in the church office or by asking Marita to send you an electronic copy.

Shalom Team: Cary Kelsey, Jan Nicodemus, Bill Pletcher, and Anne Griffith

FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM:

Outreach has been busy. We have planted garden boxes and delivered them so many people can enjoy fresh vegetables this summer. Our Seed to Feed Garden was planted on May 31. Help in the garden will be needed every Tuesday morning at 9:00.

Thank you for your donations of books, coloring books, crayons, and other items for Safe Haven. They are so grateful for everything we donate to them. Some of the items are put in a welcome kit for the mothers and their children. The sheets, pillows, and hygiene items go with them when they leave Safe Haven.

Jeff Borem has been working on necessary repairs to the playset. He has replaced the climbing rope and rusted chains on the swings; he will be adding more rubber mulch and replacing boards as needed. Followers of Faith is funding this project.

Lodema Hoke, Outreach Team Co-Chair

EVERENCE

Everence is available to help individuals make an easy transition as they move into Medicare. Based on positive feedback, Everence will continue their free Medicare Monday webinars and seminars.

The following important details you need to know about retirement income and transitioning to Medicare will be addressed:

- Enrollment details and deadlines.
- Social Security - when do I start?
- Prescription drug coverage.
- Plans that supplement Medicare.

Ask any additional questions during the webinar and they will be happy to answer them! Go to Everence.com to sign up. Also see the poster on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

Upcoming dates:

- Aug. 8, 6:30 pm: webinar
- Oct. 3, 6:30 pm: seminar (registration coming soon!)

These Medicare Mondays will be in-person seminars at Everence Financial – 1110 N. Main St., Goshen, IN.

If you can't attend one of their educational events or if you have questions, please schedule an appointment with one of their consultants by contacting Talia Bauer, Admin. Assistant, at 800-348-7468 ext. 3506.

Jan Nicodemus, Creekside Advocate

SEED TO FEED GARDEN VISITS

You are invited to tour other Seed to Feed gardens this summer and learn about their programs. Here are the Garden Visits scheduled in June:

Monday, June 13, 6:00 pm: River Oaks Community Church, 58020 CR 115, Goshen. RSVP to Sid Richard: 574-538-9073 or sidrichard@gmail.com.

Tuesday, June 21, 10:00 am: Elkhart Airport Community Garden, across from 2216 Airport Drive, Elkhart. RSVP to Meg Mitzel: 607-797-3065 or mmitzel55@gmail.com.

There is more information (driving directions, topics to be discussed, etc.) available on the Outreach bulletin board near the couch in the Gathering Area.

NEEDS AT CAMP MACK

Camp Mack still needs counselors throughout this summer, as well as Team Leaders for the following camps: June 13-15 Samplers, July 10-12 Samplers, and July 10-15 Splash. If you or someone you know is interested, please email Jessie Kreider at jessk@campmack.org.

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Carlson, Miles
- 9 Schmucker, Mary
- 13 Guzmán, Aurelio
- 14 Miller, Myron
- 17 Vardaman, Kurt
- 18 Roell, Maddison
- 22 Hadley, Hunter
- 23 Green, Ron
- 24 Behr, Steve
- 29 Noffsinger, Sue

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Barsoda, Marita & Robert
- 13 Lund, Tim & Diane
- 14 Borem, Jeff & Cheryl
- 17 Nicodemus, Ron & Jan
- 19 Zerbe, John & Maryann

EVENTS

- 5 Pentecost
- 10 Game Night, 7:00 pm
- 13 Outreach Team, 6:00 pm
- 15 Finance Team, 9:30 am
- 15 Deacons, 1:30 pm
- 19 Father's Day
- 21 Worship Team, 1:00 pm
- 21 Church Board, 6:30 pm
- 26 Church reserved, after 1 pm

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