

### New Adult Sunday School Class Started

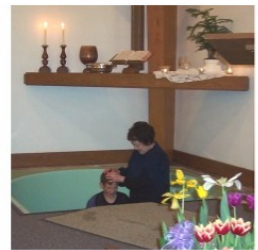


If you don't have a class and want to begin with the basics of Christianity, then this class is for you. The class is meeting in the library upstairs for now. We will be using the book *Experiencing the Heart of Jesus: Knowing His Heart, Feeling His Love* by Max Lucado. Come with your questions, and we will explore together. Pastor Carol is leading the discussion.

### Remember Your Baptism Vows?

It's good to take pause every so often and reflect upon our reason for baptism and to whom and what we are committing. When we are baptized in our congregation, we are received into a community of faith and into the Church of the Brethren. We are sharing in the rich heritage and life and mission of the church through Jesus Christ. Reflect again upon the questions you were asked at your baptism and your affirmation to commit to keeping those vows.

- **Do you believe that Jesus is God's Son and do you receive and trust him as your Savior and Lord?**
- **Will you turn away from all sin and will you endeavor by God's grace to live according to the example and teachings of Jesus?**
- **Will you be loyal to the church upholding it by your prayers and your presence, your substance and your service?**



The hard part seems to be the third question? Have you been faithful to your vows with your prayers, presence or attendance, finances, and service? Emmet Fox in *Power Through Constructive Thinking* states, "*Sooner or later you will have to put God first in your life, that is to say, your own true spiritual development must become the only thing that really matters. It need not, perhaps had better not, be the only thing in your life, but it must be the first thing. When this happens you will find that you have got rid of a great deal of the unnecessary junk that most people carry about; mental junk, of course, although physical junk is very apt to follow upon this. You will find that you will do a great deal less running about after things that do not matter and only waste your time and energy, when once you have put God first. Your life will become simpler and quieter, but in the true sense, richer and infinitely more worth while.*" It is never too late to put God first. We need to take seriously our vows to the Lover of our Soul and to the faith community to which we belong.

### Nettle Creek Ministerial Association Good Friday Service Set

This year the NCMA will hold its Community Good Friday service **March 25 at Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren at noon**. Pastor **Tom Triggs** will bring the message. Put the Good Friday service on your calendar and plan to worship together with others from our community.

### February Birthdays

1	Jane Flyback, Willis Murray	25	Marilyn Petty
2	Cookie Stout	26	Ashlee Brandenburg
2	Mark, Marvin Hilbert	27	Katherine Reneau
5	Judy Healton		
7	Mark Wright		
9	Kent Briar		
11	Connie McMillan		
13	Ward Stout		
17	Daniel Stout		
19	Jay Burroughs, Janet Conner		
20	Perry Schmittler		
21	Mary Werking		
22	Jane Stone		
23	Lucy Reed		

