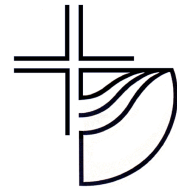


# News from the Brick

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Friday: 8:30 a.m. -- 12:30 p.m.



Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Worship: 10 a.m.

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2009

*Continuing the Work of Jesus.  
Peacefully. Simply. Together.*

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## From Paula's Desk

### *"Why We Do the Things We Do"*

*After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. (Matthew 6:9-13, King James Version)*

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen. (updated version from our Hymnal: A Worship Book)*

Someone asked me recently why "The Lord's Prayer" is printed in the back of our hymnal. She asked why the wording has been changed, and why we're using it during worship (rather than saying it from memory). I have answers for those questions, but at first, caught a little off guard, I found myself kind of stuttering around. I've been thinking, though, that these questions are *great questions!* They urge us to think about the reasons that we do things. And, we *should* have reasons! Do we do something because that's the way we've always done it? Or do we do something because that's the way we *feel* like doing it? Or do we do things with *intention, purpose, and meaning?*

I have several reasons for using "The Lord's Prayer" as it's printed in our hymnal. One reason is that some of us grew up using different words. In the Church of the Brethren, most people learn to say "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." I grew up in the United Methodist Church, though, where I learned to say, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Those with a Catholic background end the prayer at "but deliver us from evil." I know *that* from personal experience. Saying it from memory during a Catholic Mass once, I kept speaking after everyone else stopped. Even if I had wanted to, there was no way that I could have pretended I was Catholic by going forward for communion after that!

So, people of different backgrounds say the prayer differently. I rather like the version we have in the hymnal. It avoids the confusion over what "debts" or "trespasses" mean by saying, "Forgive us

our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.” True, in updated language, it loses the beautiful poetry of the King James Version; but this way, all of us are “on the same page” during worship.

Of course, we still might wonder why we shouldn't recite it from memory when *everyone* in this congregation already knows it! But, what if someone new with a different background comes? Or what if someone comes who has never said the prayer before, and doesn't know it at all? There's nothing more unfriendly than going to a worship service that *assumes* that everyone knows when to stand and what to say, with no explanations. Perhaps some of you know what I mean. Perhaps you've been to a worship service in which you felt lost – not knowing what was going on, not knowing what to say or do, and as a result, not feeling included in worship. My intention for worship is that *every person* – the one who has been attending here since birth and the one who walks in the door for the first time ever – feels *included, and invited to worship God*. So, I prepare and create worship with these different needs in mind.

I invite you to keep the questions coming. Come see me in my Pastor's Study if you'd like to talk more about something – if you have a question about worship, or if you have a question about something I said in a sermon. I love discussions. I love the learning and growth that happens when we listen carefully to one another. It's a two-way street, you know?! I pray that you are learning from me just as I am learning from you! Most of all, ***blessings*** -- *as we continue to grow closer to the God we worship together!*

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Terry (Stout) Poole	Gene Stone Family
Baby Sierra (home)	Eloise Beeson
Beverly Nicholson	Debbie Bell
Sue Mendenhall (home)	Viola Nicholson
Orville and Iona Lauver	Lufreda Bowman
Betty Hoover	The McCormacks
Velma and Charles Paddock	
Paula's Aunt Caroline	

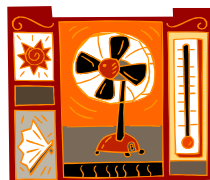
Please contact Pastor Paula Ulrich at 935-7438 or Marjorie Briar at 478-6142 if you need care.

**Congratulations to Jake Hall who graduated from Centerville High School, May 31.** Jake plans to attend I. U. East in Richmond.

**Dan and Pastor Paula's son, Jonathan, will be graduating from Richmond High School on Sunday, June 14 at 2:30 p.m.** He will be attending Manchester College this fall.

***Summer Sizzle***

Summer Sizzle is a global outreach project and is in response to David Radcliff's visit with Nettle Creek this past winter. For those interested in participating, we will be taxing ourselves \$.25 cents a day during the month of June for use of an air conditioner in our home, our car or in our work place. Money will be collected at the end of June. This is a great way to support others, and 100% of the donations goes to support the project. Questions? See Linda DeVinney or Julie Potter.



**Food Pantry Sundays**



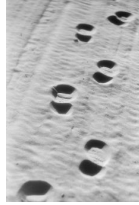
The Witness Commission has designated the second Sunday of each month as Food Pantry Sunday. Donations are accepted at any time, but we will especially highlight the giving of food items on Food Pantry Sundays. A grocery cart is back in the church front entrance area for food collection. A list of foods that are used regularly is included below. Other non-perishable food items are also accepted. If a cash donation is given, please place this in the Sunday offering and designate it as "food pantry". Thank you for your donations!

**Foods Needed Regularly for the Food Pantry:** Ramen Noodles, Breakfast Cereals, Tea, Canned Vegetables: Peas, Carrots, etc., Brownie or Cake mixes, Instant Jello and Pudding mixes, (regular and sugar-free),

Hamburger Helper, Chili ingredients, Coffee, Canned Soup, Rice, Canned Fruit, Pancake mix, Pork and Beans, Syrup, Shampoo, Flour, Toothpaste, Crackers, Peanut Butter, Tuna, Cooking Oil, Ravioli, Canned Spaghetti, Instant Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes, and Corn Muffin mixes

### **Follow-up tips from “Become Your Legacy” Sunday and Paula’s Sermon Entitled “The Footprints of Our Lives”**

\*Tell your children and grandchildren stories from your life. Better yet, make recordings of your stories!



\*Our stories convey wisdom about life and living, even when they're stories in which we made a mistake but learned something.

\*Collect favorite family recipes and share them.

\*Don't wait to say something that's important!

\*Write letters to family members or friends about why you appreciate them.

\*Tell others (in your family, among your friends, or in our congregation) how they are a blessing in your life.

\*Be deliberate with practices or activities that restore your spirit.

\*Use purchased “fill-in-the-blanks” journals to record stories about your life, your thoughts, and your dreams.

\*Remember that, often, the things most treasured are the small things, or the things of little or no monetary value – like bits of wisdom, or attitudes about life, or some small item that represents a person's spirit, values, or personality.

\*Think about what your values and beliefs are and what you want to share with your children, grandchildren, and friends. Think of creative activities that will convey and teach those values. For example, I know one couple who took their children and grandchildren to a work camp as they celebrated their anniversary. It meant a lot to them to share their joy in service work that way.

### **Prayers for Annual Conference**

The 2009 Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren will take place in San Diego, California, on June 26-30.

As the May issue of *Messenger* explains, this year's agenda includes some heavy items. A query coming from the Northern Indiana District observes that the Church of the Brethren has “a history and practice of seeking reconciliation” but that the church “has experienced deep division and brokenness related to the language from the 1983 Human Sexuality Paper that same-sex covenantal relationships are not acceptable.” The query asks Annual Conference “to consider whether it is the will of the church that this language on same-sex covenantal relationships will continue to guide our journey together.”

Delegates will also consider “A Statement of Confession and Commitment,” which was adopted by Standing Committee at the 2008 Annual Conference. This statement confesses the “meanness and fighting” that have sometimes accompanied the church's discussions about human sexuality. It calls for an attitude of Christian care and love toward one another even when there are strong disagreements.

Another agenda item involves proposed changes to a process for dealing with strongly controversial issues. The 2002 Annual Conference asked for an update of the process that was adopted by the 1988 Annual Conference. The proposed process would normally take three years and include the appointment of a “Resource Committee” that represents diverse perspectives on the issue. The Resource Committee would develop study materials, and it would facilitate hearings in districts and at Annual Conference.

The agenda also includes revised by-laws for the Church of the Brethren, a query on “Secret Oath-Bound Societies,” and reports from various church agencies and committees.

Please pray for Annual Conference and everyone involved, including Moderator David Shumate and Pastor Paula, who serves as our delegate this year. Paula would be glad to hear your input about the conference business as she seeks to represent the congregation faithfully and prayerfully.

**District Newsletter is available at:**  
<http://www.cob-net.org/church/isc/news.htm>



**June Birthdays**

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| 1 Carolyn Wright  | 13 Matthew Beaty  |
| 3 Beverly Amick,  | 18 Kim Hall       |
| 3 Kate Hoover     | 20 Dave Reneau    |
| 7 Ella Nicholson  | 24 Margaret Briar |
| 9 Zsanelle Hoover | 30 Moriah Stout   |

**July Birthdays**

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 2 Ashley Beaty   | 14 Kirby Stout  |
| 3 Sara Renaker   | 17 Beth Bowman  |
| 5 Evan Hoover    | 25 Betty Hoover |
| 13 Valerie Lyles | 27 Jodi Johnson |
| 13 Heather Stout | 31 Joshua Briar |



**Wilbur Wright Birthplace 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival  
 June 19 and 20**

Friday, June 19, 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Ham and Bean Supper, Bean Bag Throw, Entertainment.

Saturday, June 20, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull, Antique Tractor and Car Show, Hay Bale Candy Hunt, Pork Chop Dinner, Bean Bag Throw, and Entertainment. Vendors free. For more information, call 765-332-2495.

**Hymns for the “Over Fifty” Crowd:**

- “Just a slower walk with thee”
- “It is well with my soul, but my knees hurt”
- “Nobody knows the trouble I have seeing”
- “Precious Lord, take my hand, and help me up”
- “Go tell it on the mountain, but speak up”
- “Blessed insurance”

“Guide me, O thou great Lord God – I've forgotten where I've parked the truck”

**Fun Things for Kids! (and Moms, Dads, or Grandparents, too!)**

**Stove-Top Playdough** (a favorite Ulrich family recipe)

- 1 c. white flour
- ¼ c. salt
- 2 T. cream of tartar
- 1 c. water
- 2 t. vegetable food coloring
- 1 T. oil



Mix flour, salt, and cream of tartar in a medium pot. Add water, food coloring, and oil. Cook and stir over medium heat 3-5 minutes. Mixture will look like a gloppy mess and you'll be sure it's not turning out, but it will. When it forms a ball in the center of the pot, turn out and knead on a lightly floured surface. Store in an air-tight container or in a plastic bag. Edible but not especially tasty!! This recipe is soft and pliable. It comes from *Feed Me! I'm Yours* by Vicki Lansky.

**#1 Finger Paints**

- 3 T. sugar
- ½ c. cornstarch
- 2 c. cold water
- Food coloring
- Pinch of detergent

Mix the sugar and cornstarch and then add the water. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until well-blended. Divide the mixture into four or five portions and add a different food coloring to each, plus a pinch of detergent (facilitates clean-up). This recipe is gloppy and thick, but it doesn't spill easily. From *Feed Me! I'm Yours* by Vicki Lansky.

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 A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."