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The Newsletter of the
Huntington Church of the Brethren

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FROM THE PASTOR

“For every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.” Psalm 50:10

I recently heard a radio advertisement for a new investment service owned by Donald Trump. The ad implied that participants would see their wealth grow at a similar pace to that of Donald Trump. I was not convinced, but I am sure there are some that will give it a try. We are fascinated to even imagine the wealth of the rich and famous. The CEO of BP recently told congress that his salary was thirteen million dollars a year. I divided that out by twenty four to see what his twice a month pay check looks compared to mine. Needless to say, he fares a little better.

Throughout the Bible wealth has its cautionary labels. On one teaching mission, Jesus pointed out that it was easier for a camel to be threaded through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God. The Psalmist, however, paints a picture for us of just how wealthy God is. The Lord owns the cattle on a thousand hills. We have to remember that in Biblical times, wealth was often measured in livestock. Abraham was a rich man due to the size of his livestock herd. We don't know how many cattle are grazed on a thousand hills, because most of us don't raise cattle and we don't know how big the hills were. That does not matter. The Psalmist is using poetic license to say that God is wealthier than we can ever imagine. I heard a sermon once in which the preacher said that God is so wealthy that he owns not only the cattle on a thousand hills but he owns the hills too!

Why is the Psalmist pointing out the extreme wealth of God? It is not to challenge to supremacy of people like Warren Buffet or Bill Gates. The Psalmist is painting a picture of a wealthy God to help us understand the unlimited resources that God holds for those who God loves. We struggle at times to even begin to define who God is and how we can relate to God. The Psalmist is painting a picture of God that begins to help us understand. When we pray, we do so to a God that can meet our need and then some. When we struggle, God can provide strength beyond the limits of our imagination. Whatever our need and no matter how big that need may seem to us, it is quite small in comparison to the abundance of God. I am old enough to realize that I will never acquire the material wealth of the rich and famous. But I am also old enough to realize that I follow a God who is rich in spiritual resources. The picture of the cattle on a thousand hills gives me confidence to pray. God has the resources to meet all my needs.

Pastor Barry A. Belknap

Worship Schedule for the month of July-August

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	English Classes for Spanish speakers wanting to learn English
9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Time
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Sunday School Classes

The church e-mail address

office@cobhuntington.org

The church web site

<http://www.cobhuntington.org>. You can view the church newsletter and the monthly calendar on this site. If you have an idea, share it with Jeff Lehman or Barry Belknap.

Prayer Concerns

- .. Prayer support for Maxine Mulligan
- .. Ellen (Custer)Reagan, recently had surgery
- .. Love and Prayer Support to Steve and Jenny Miller on the death of Zachary
- .. Kathy Reinhardt, knee surgery
- .. Ferne Cash, Glenn Dillon's sister health concerns
- .. Richard Endsley's father-in-law, health concerns
- .. Karen McAvoy, Corlene Flora's daughter, recently had surgery
- .. Ron Farthing, health concerns
- .. Ashley Cargo, recently had knee surgery

.. Jim Bennett's mother, health concerns

Our Shut-ins

- .. **Minnie Brandenburg**, Norwood Nursing Center, 3720N. Norwood Rd., Huntington, IN 46750
- .. **Kate Craig**, Miller's Merry Manor, 1500 Grant St., Huntington, IN 46750
- .. **Dorsan Nichols**, Miller's Merry Manor, 1500 Grant St., Huntington, IN 46750

Annual Conference

Annual Conference will be July 3-7, at Pittsburg, PA.
Dean Beery is our Annual Conference delegate

Chicago Trip to Pilsen - July 10th: (a Mexican-American neighborhood)

Highlights: Travel by train to Chicago, Visit the Mexican Fine Arts Museum, Eat at Nuevo Leon, a well known restaurant in the area. Visit a supermarket with items used in Mexican cooking.
Departure will be 6:30 AM from the church (we will carpool) to Chesterton, IN where we will catch the South Shore train into Chicago (\$6.80 each way). We will take a city bus to Pilsen (\$2.25 each way). The museum is free and I'll provide handouts later that include a sample menu from the restaurant. We will return in the evening. If interested, individuals should contact **Beth Beery (260.224.5640)** for more information.

Community Food Pantry of Love, Inc.

A great big thank you to the congregation for your monthly support of the Huntington Community Food Pantry. Love, INC receives donations from the community, as well as other sources each month. For the month of July they are asking for **tuna & shampoo**, for the month of August, **applesauce & laundry soap**. There is a box in the handicap entrance for these items.

Our volunteer schedule for the food pantry has changed. We now work on Thursday mornings 9:30 a.m.-noon. Our volunteers are: **Reba Beery, Joyce Denten, Betty Dillon, Charlotte Elzey, Erline Endsley, Corlene Flora, Rosie Hughes, Joann Sailors, and Rosalyn Wilson**.

Huntington County 4-H Fair

Not only does our congregation have an opportunity to support many of the 4-H activities, but at the same time we are raising funds at our concession booth to help our Sister Church and the pre-school in Nicaragua. It is not hard work and it is a great opportunity to see a lot of your friends. ***Work days are Saturday, July 24-Thursdays, July 29.*** There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex. If you would like to help out in other ways, please contact the church office at 356-7983 or someone from the Sister Church committee.

District Conference

District Conference will be held at Anderson University, ***Friday, July 30, & Saturday July 31.*** Our delegates are Pastor Barry, Board Chair, Dean Beery, Steve Miller (2009-2010), Glenn Dillon (2010-2011).

A note from the Church of the Brethren

The dynamic and diverse ministries of the Church of the Brethren count on congregational partnerships and support for over \$3 million annually. The “Core Ministries Fund” (formerly known as the General Board Fund) undergirds all our work together, but directly supports: life changing Brethren Volunteer Service; local church development through Congregational Life Ministries; vital youth, young adult, and older adult programs; pastoral excellence opportunities; deacon ministry training; and mission partnerships in the U.S. and around the world that nurture new life in body and soul.

Your congregation makes an impact through the power of one Spirit. Please lift up the important ministries of the Church of the Brethren Core Ministries Fund in your prayers

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