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The Newsletter of the
Huntington Church of the Brethren

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FROM THE PASTOR

“All the believers were one in heart and mind” Acts 4:32

Do you like card games? One of my favorites is the German card game called *euchre*. Usually played with two or four people, the game consists of winning tricks and hands. A trump suit is called and the jack of that suit is the highest card, or the right bower. The jack of the other suit of the same color is the second highest card, or the left bower. Any card in the trump suit is higher than any card that is not trump. The idea of the game is to take the majority of cards and win the hand. When the person or party that calls trump is beaten by the other person or party, that is called *euchre*. Veterans of this game know that possessing the best cards does not guarantee winning the hand. Good players can use a hand that is weak and sometimes still win. It all depends on when you play the cards in your hand. This is true of most card games.

It is also true of the church that we sometimes have to play the cards in our hand, even when they are not the strongest. What does that mean? It is easy for the Huntington Church of the Brethren to list what cards we do not have in our hand. We do not have hundreds of members, a big choir, hordes of volunteers, or fistfuls of money. But what if we played the cards that we do have in our hand? One of these cards is fellowship. We enjoy being together. That cannot be said of every church I have served. I can name a few that enjoyed fighting more than fellowship! Our coffee hour, for example, is a time we value to build relationships and catch up on friendships. Ministry Team recently had this conversation and addressed my concern that there was little or nothing on our summer calendar. What we came up with were summer events that enable us to enjoy being together.

The first of these is worship and a cookout in the park (see separate article). We are also discussing a pool party, camp fires, and other summer activities that we could enjoy doing together.....stay tuned for further details. When you think about it, with all the ways we and our community struggle at this time, we need the fellowship of the church. Come join us this summer. We have something not everyone has.....fellowship is a powerful thing!

Pastor Barry A. Belknap

Worship Schedule for the month of May

The time schedule listed below will be on a trial period for the month of May. Please give feedback to the *Ministry Team* or the *Christian Education Committee* on how you like the new time schedule

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

- .. Reba Beery's mother, health concerns
- ... Family & friends of Greg Hedrick, upon his death
- .. Disaster Work in Hammond, IN, Dean & Reba volunteering
- .. Haiti
- .. Chili
- .. Doras Weinley, health concerns
- .. Friend of Charlotte Elzey, cancer patient
- .. Corlene Flora, recently hospitalized, recovering
- .. Kent Farthing, health concerns
- .. Donna Thoe, friend of Diana Baker

- ... Ann Malone, health concerns. .
- .. Family & friends of Glenn Mulligan upon his recent death

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

2010 Youth and Kid's Club Activities

May - Saturday, May 8th, 6-8 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo celebration, at the church, hosted by Beth Beery

June – Trip to the Ft. Wayne Zoo. Date and time to be announced

Worship in the Park on June 13th

Our regular worship time has been changed to 10:00AM on Sunday, June 13th, so that we can worship in the park. We will gather at Memorial Park, the small pavilion, near the playground area. The morning and early afternoon will afford us time to worship informally outside, fellowship, and share a picnic meal. There is a nearby playground for children. Everyone is encouraged to bring lawn chairs, place settings, and a dish or desert to share. We will have a crew grilling too! There will be no worship at the church or Sunday School that day.

Music Direction

Have you ever had an interest in leading music? Sharon Lehman is going to do a short workshop on music direction at noon on Sunday, June 6th.

Attendance does not indicate any commitment to lead congregational music. It would give you a new skill that you could use if you wished to do so at some time in the future.

If you are interested, please let Dean Beery know. We will bring sack lunches to eat after Sunday school that day and then have the workshop.

Community Food Pantry of Love, Inc.

Thank you for your continued 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 May they are asking for *pancake mix and dish soap*, for the month of June, *noodles & laundry soap*. There is a box in the handicap entrance for these items.

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