

New Paris Church of the Brethren



The New Paris Church of the Brethren PURPOSE STATEMENT, as adopted by the Church Board: The New Paris Church of the Brethren exists to proclaim God's Word, share God's love and acceptance, and encourage spiritual growth, for the glory of God and our neighbor's good.

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Monday – Friday



The New Paris Neighbor

February 2019



Letter from Pastor Stan

In this month that includes Valentine's Day, a topic quickly comes to mind. That topic is love. We have heard about love for as long as we can remember. I remember when I was a kid at the butcher shop; Mrs. Mowery would come for meat. For whatever reason, she took a liking to me. She always wanted to give me a kiss. I don't remember if I resisted for a while or not. Anyway, due to some reason I cannot remember, I allowed her to kiss me on the cheek. Well, she wore very red lipstick and left quite a set of lip prints on my cheek.

Well, that certainly wasn't love. I suppose my first love was in second grade. I was "in love" with Joan Bennet. I knew she loved me too because she laughed at what I said. I remember exaggerating stories and she believed me. That relationship didn't last long.

I did not think too much about having a love for a girl until I was older. I now realize, that instead of looking for someone to love (and I did not look that much) I should have been looking for how to love. You probably know the Bible uses three words for love; some scholars say seven types. The three I am best acquainted with are Philia, Eros, and Agape. Philia love, that one is easy to remember. The city of Philadelphia PA means,

the city of brotherly love. I have no brothers; I do have three sisters. That is the type of love we have for each other. Most of my friends at school were girls. My wife noticed this when we went to a few class reunions, that my friends were girls. We were just Philia friends, I was a good listener. They told me many things.

Well, the next love that I along with many people get caught up in is Eros; the word erotic comes from it. This kind of love is self-seeking and self-centered. I was in that mode of love for much of Nancy's and my marriage. I either could not or did not want to move beyond this love. When we got married, I believed there was men's work and there was women's work. I was not going to lift a finger to do any of her work. I had to work hard enough without doing her work too. Understand, this is not the way I was taught. Because I was not following the Lord, I had become a bullying tyrant. The boys were afraid to even get close to me in case I would blow. Nancy felt the same way. I didn't know how bad it was until one day I did a no-no. I read some of Nancy's journaling.

I guess I could have taken what she wrote a couple of ways. I could have become furious and made things even worse. I could have thrown the mother of all tantrums.

Looking back, I now can see even then the Lord was working on me. Reading what she wrote broke my heart. I could not believe how much damage I had done to our family. I could not believe the way they perceived me. They perceived me correctly; I was the one who was trying to hide who and what I was. As I read those words and later talked with Nancy about how I was ruining our family, I felt so blessed that they had stuck it out with me thus far along the journey of life.

Well praise God, that mean old man, has been changing. The Spirit of the Lord God is changing me ever since I accepted Christ's blood to take away my sin and asked Him to help and save me.

So now, I am pursuing Agape love, the love of Christ. It is so far removed from Eros that it seems foreign to people like me. I want my family to see who I am because of Christ. I want my friends and the whole congregation to see how my life is with Christ in charge. So lets' move into the 13th chapter of first Corinthians.

1 Cor. 13 is given four names in the translations I looked at: “Love is the greatest”, “The Excellence of Love”, “The Way of love”, and The Greatest Gift”. In this month of love, Valentine’s Day, let us look at the Agape love of Christ. Now you can read this the way it is written in the Bible, but I am going to do something I do with couples before they marry. When you see my name in the scripture, you use your name. It is kind of a test to see how we measure up to the love of God.

*1 If **Stan** speaks in the tongues of men and of angels, but has not love, **Stan** is only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If **Stan** has the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if **Stan** has a faith that can move mountains, but has not love, **Stan** is nothing. 3 If **Stan** gives all **Stan** possess to the poor and surrenders **Stan**’s body to the flames, but has not love, **Stan** gains nothing.*

*4 **Stan** is patient, **Stan** is kind. **Stan** does not envy, **Stan** does not boast, **Stan** is not proud. 5 **Stan** is not rude, **Stan** is not self-seeking, **Stan** is not easily angered, **Stan** keeps no record of wrongs. 6 **Stan** does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 **Stan** always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 **Stan** never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. 11 When **Stan** was a child, **Stan** talked like a child, **Stan** thought like a child, **Stan** reasoned like a child. When **Stan** became a man (woman), **Stan** put childish ways behind me. 12 Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

Well, how did you do on this test? Me? Oh, I have some work to do. It is a work that is worthwhile. I have seen a wife that was troubled by her husband and one that is more pleased with him. I love the more pleased version very much. I still disappoint, but prayerfully less often.

It is my life’s goal to be a better husband, father and grandfather for the glory of God. In Christ’s love, *Pastor Stan*



Sermon Topics

February 3 – “Hearing Doesn't Mean Obedience”

Romans 10:14-17

In a perfect world; if seeing is believing, one would tell what they believe and the listener would obey what they heard. This statement may seem to make logical sense but it isn't always true. Indeed, one must hear of something before they can obey it. Nevertheless, hearing something does not guarantee we will obey it. Let us look to God's Word for His remedy.

February 10 – Guest Speaker, Pastor Len Smith

"Wives, Husbands, & One Another" – I Peter 3:1-12 (NIV)

To what degree is the family still a basic institution in our society?

What particular challenges do Christian wives face?

What role does the Christian husband play in the spiritual development of the family? What practical advice do we find in this text that applies to the entire Christian Community?

February 17 – "A Disobedient and Contrary People"

Romans 10:18-21

These words describe Israel perfectly. If it were not for God's nature and His promise to Israel, I imagine He would have zapped them years ago. The words of these verses are important and relevant to the believer as well.

February 24 – "Saved, Alone?"

Romans 11:1-3

Have you ever wondered if you are the only one that follows the Lord God? You watch friends do things you used to do, things you are now convicted are wrong. Sometimes, it feels lonely being a believer. However, the Lord God has many believers. We might need to look for new friends that are also in the Body of Christ.



Prayer Concerns

Experiencing Loss of Loved Ones: The **Brubaker family** in their loss of Kevin. The **Gooch & Stanley families** in their loss of Gerri. The **Leatherman family** in their loss of Nancy. The **Norton and Reedy families** in their loss of Pauline.

Experiencing/recovering from health problems: Jamie Anderson; Skip Bauer; Terry & Dawn Baldwin; Norma Burgess; Matt Drown; Jim Garris; Dean & Janet Gladfelter; Chuck Hernley; Jane Holdeman; Craig Hughes; Don, Margaret & Shirley Juday; Nicole LaFollette; Lynn Marchand; Darin & Mary Mathews; Dick Method; Jason, Judy, & Willy Miller; Max Mishler; Sarah Moore; Darrell Musser; Tony Neff; Bob Nettrouer; Mike Reedy; Dorothy Rogers; Doris Runyan; Henry & Sandra Schrock; Ruth Stump; Ed Toole; Max Tom; Phil Wagoner; Rick Wenger; DeeAnn, Doris, & June Whitehead; Mike & Zoe Zimmerman; Verna Zook

Babies-Toddlers: Bells Ministry; Theodore Allen Clayton; Josh Lambright; Leo Miller; Henry Nolt

Other Concerns: Clark family; Stacey Darr; McFarren Family; Jordan & Erin Smeltzer in Guatemala; Kidnapped Nigerian girls; COB Church in Nigeria; Reedy family; Henry & Sandra Schrock; our youth & leaders; unnamed requests; natural disasters

Pregnancy: Amanda Barzycki, Kassie Deel, Erin Smeltzer, & Samantha Steffen

Those living with serious illness: **ALS:** Tim Werner **Diabetes:** Farrell Cripe; Kathi Janssen; Luke Krafton; Jerry Nettrouer; Vera Reynolds **Cancer:** Jami Baker; M.A. Carter; Max Eisenhour; Joan Gang; Brandon Griffith's former boss's wife; Rosetta Laudermilk; Mike Lee; John Martin; Mike Overpeck; JoLinda Petko; Barbara Shrock; Judy Shumaker; Lon Symensma; Virginia Wysong **Heart:** Bill & Ruth Alfrey; Brian Allred; Ron Baker; Anna Bowman; Keith Burger; Ted Carroll; Susan Conrad; Jim Hawkins; Norma Hershberger; Marilyn Hughes; Mike Lambright, (Deidrea Martin's stepfather); Marge Neterer; Alberta Presley; Norm Reynolds; Phyllis Showalter; Wayne Whitehead; Bob York; Linda & Melissa Zimmerman; Simon Zook **Kidney:** Dean Neterer **Liver:** Kathy Scott; Ray Whitehead **Lupus:** Lillian Hughes **MS:** Fran Gingerich; Pat Hammond; **Parkinson's:** Jim Altizer; Dorrie Godfrey; Mike Neff; Sandra Schrock

Our Shut-Ins: Evelyn Bowman; Eleanor Lantz; John Loucks; Jean Mishler; Loyal Rogers; Marilyn Smith; Jack & Shirley Unley; Opal Weaver

Our Missionaries: The Bells (Kenya, Africa); Sharon Brubaker (Alabama); David & Veola Bucher (Alabama); Jason & Nicole Hoover; IU Christian Fellowship; Linc & Kay Myers (Budapest Hungary); Pat & Karen Myers (Philippines); Karen Neff (Taiwan); Zach & Monika Nolt (Maine); TNT China; Brandon Wenger; Ken & Janet Winebark (Texas)

Our Country, Government & the children of this community

Those in Leadership: Pastor Stan and family, Deacons, Church Board & Commission members

In the Armed Service: Phillip Ertle; Chad Sechrist; Daniel, Owen & Lindsey Stech



Bible Quiz

Captive

1. Which captive was rescued by his uncle?
2. Which king was captured in the plains of Jericho and had his eyes put out by his captors?
3. Who was captured by the Philistines and blinded after having his hair cut?
4. Who captured the king of Ai, hung him, threw his body in front of the city gate, and piled a great heap of stones over it?
5. Who fell backward from his seat and broke his neck when he heard that the Ark had been captured?
6. Which man, afflicted with leprosy, was given good advice by a young captive girl for a cure?
7. What is the name of the captive lad who, when assigned to a three-year training period in a royal household, refused to eat the king's food and wine?
8. Who held the Jews captive and told them to sing happy songs?
9. Which king besieged and captured Jerusalem?
10. Which prophet was held captive by the Babylonians on the banks of the river Chebar?

Answers are on page 14.

Can you find the hidden image in this newsletter?



Devotions

Valentine's Day Love

February is the month when you hear about love, and Valentines are everywhere you turn. February 14 is the day we've chosen to celebrate the ones we love.

But what is real love? It's not lust or an emotion, or merely a sentimental state of mind. There is romantic love and the love of family and friends. But, the Bible tells us the highest love is not based on feelings, but a commitment of our will. This love is patient and kind. It's not envious or arrogant or rude. It's not selfish or easily angered. It doesn't keep a record of how others have wronged us. It puts up with a lot and endures with hope. It doesn't run away when the going gets tough.

Real love never stops loving. God IS love – real love. He shows us this love through the life and sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. Have faith in Him and you can experience true love. His love will empower you to show real love to others.

Source: [Right from the Heart](#)

*"Whoever does not love does not know God,
because God is love." ~ 1 John 4:8*

*"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."
~ Mark 12:29-31*



TREATS FOR VALENTINE BOXES NEEDED: It is time to bless our college students with Valentine boxes filled with goodies. This is the church's way of letting them know we are thinking of and supporting them. Please bring enough items for our **nine** students no later than **February 10**. Suggestions for filling the boxes are snacks of all kinds and quarters for laundry. Please place your items on the table by the large fan in the Sonseekers area of the fellowship hall.

FOLLOWING IN CHRIST'S FOOTSTEPS CLASS explores what it means to be a believer and a member of NPCOB. Classes begin on **February 17** during Sunday school time. Let Pastor Stan know if you wish to participate or have questions about the classes.

THE READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR guides are on the table outside of the nursery.

FUNDRAISER: An all-day fundraiser for Jim Hawkins' medical expenses will be, February 9 from 8 AM to 8 PM at Sunnyside Park. You may help support this event by eating breakfast or eating supper there. You may also help support this by donating baked goods or other items for a silent auction. There will be other activities between breakfast and supper.

NEWS FROM CAMP MACK:

- It's time to register for summer camp. If you submit your registration by February 18, we will send it in. All other registrations should be submitted by March 18. The theme for this year is Peace works: Empowering Peacemakers. Camp is a great place to experience God, community and nature. The campers this summer will be welcomed with a Luau.
- Last year they had 500 registrations. This year the goal is 1,000 registrations. Think of who you can invite to come to summer camp.
- Individual and church giving was up this past year. They received \$5,000 from the churches. Camp Mack is so grateful for the church's support.
- Annual dinner is March 8.
- Strategic planning: 1. Increase year round building usage by 60% from September – May. 2. Expand marketing outside of the Church of the Brethren.
- If you have any questions please see Holly Kuhn.



Guess Who

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| 1. Birthday: | October 6, 1982 |
| 2. Birthplace: | Goshen, IN |
| 3. Book you are reading now: | None |
| 4. Favorite hobby or past time: | Hunting and fishing |
| 5. Perfect pizza: | Supreme |
| 6. Last movie you watched: | “The Star” |
| 7. Favorite TV show: | The Curse of Oak Island |
| 8. Instrument played: | None |
| 9. A weakness of yours: | Motivation for projects at the house |
| 10. A fear: | Snakes |
| 11. A strength: | Loyalty |
| 12. Goal you wish to achieve this year: | Exercise more |
| 13. Bedtime: | 11:00 PM |
| 14. Wake up time: | 6:00 AM |
| 15. Thoughts when you first awake: | Do I have to get up? |
| 16. Favorite restaurant: | Texas Roadhouse |
| 17. Favorite Bible verse: | Matthew 6:33 |
| 18. Most memorable NPCOB moment: | Being welcomed at church |
| 19. Which church pew can you be found in?: | Third from the back on the left |
| 20. What is your job/where do you work?: | Security Tech at Bontrager Security |
| 21. How long have you attended NPCOB: | 3 months |

Answer found on page 14.



Bloopers

- A *worm* welcome to all who have come today.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang, “*I will not pass this way again*”, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- An announcement in the church bulletin for a National Prayer & Fasting Conference: “The cost for attending the *Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.*”



Serving You This Month

Acolytes:

3 Natalia F. & Mya M.
10 Liberty B. & Lydia G.
17 Natalee L. & Lucas M.
24 Micah B. & Jacob G.

Chorister Schedule:

3 Pam Reedy
10 Worship Team
17 Cindy Clayton
24 Worship Team

Children's Message Givers:

3 Holly Kuhn
10 Heidi Mathews
17 Sandy Bollinger
24 Emily Barton

Greeters:

3 Sandi B. & Natalee Lambright
10 Bob & Pam Reedy
17 Leonard J. & Susan K.
24 Betty M. & Don P.

Nursery during Worship:

3 Jenni Godfrey
10 Samantha Steffen
17 Stephanie Miller
24 Esther Burger

Children's Church:

3 – Micah Barton, Kayla & Natalia Freund, & Natalie Leach
17 – Kayla & Natalia Freund, Natalie Leach, & Gracie Zimmerman

Coffee Kitchen:

Just One Hour

Worship Leaders:

3 Chad Lambright
10 Worship Team
17 Jill Best
24 Worship Team

Scripture Readers:

3 Vera Everett
10 Kay Method
17 Katie Kuhn
24 Sandi Bollinger

Ushers:

Bob Clayton
Fred Michael
Merv Miller
Dorothy Rogers

Sound Board:

3 Brett Freund
10 Skip Smeltzer
17 Curtis Drake
24 John Burger

Nursery during Sunday School:

3 Kayla Freund
10 Vanessa Steffen
17 Heidi Mathews
24 Sarah Moore



Statistics

MONTHLY STATISTICS:

Average Worship Attendance:	109
Average Sunday School Attendance:	78
Average General Fund Offering:	\$3,430.17

GENERAL FUND REPORT:

Needed:	\$17,431.93
Given:	\$13,720.69
Difference:	(- \$3,711.24)



Recipe of the Month

Cherry Delight Dessert

Submitted by Ashley Lambright

Crust:

- 2 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs
- ½ cup softened margarine
- ½ cup sugar

Mix together crust ingredients and press into 9 x 13 baking pan.

Bake @ 350 degrees for 6 minutes.

Allow time to cool prior to adding filling.

Filling:

- 2 packages of 8 ounces cream cheese softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 12 ounces (or 16 ounces) cool whip

Mix together cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla until smooth.
Fold in cool whip.

Add to the graham cracker crust.

Top with 2 to 3 cans of cherry pie filling.



Hi Everyone,

While typing this article, I am sitting in my living room looking out at the snow coming down. A lot of people don't like snow, but I do. To me, the snow is beautiful and a reminder that our God is highly creative. How can anyone not believe in God when He reveals himself to us in such beautiful and amazing ways?

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities - His eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse” ~ Romans 1:20.

Quiet moments in God's presence to appreciate His grace, His mercy, and yes His creativity are important in developing a relationship with Him. As youth leaders, our greatest desire is for our youth to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and for them to grow and develop their relationship with Him. One way to do that is through daily Bible reading. We have launched a daily-Bible reading program for busy teens. Every day, we text them with the daily reading and memory verses. For some youth, it is easy to make time to study the Word each day, while it's very difficult for others. Please keep the kids in prayer as they strive to find their way into a deeper relationship with God.

February will be a busier month for us. Our first fundraiser of the new year is the Super Bowl Sub and Salad Sale on February 3. All subs and salads may be picked up from the church kitchen between 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Thank you to the parents for helping donate some of the supplies!

Thank you to everyone who will buy subs and salads. Our mission trips and etcetera will not be possible without your support.

Below is our February calendar of events. Be on the lookout for other fundraisers!

God Bless,

Shelley Smeltzer



February 1 – Christian Skate Night at Eby Pines and McDonald's

4:30 – 9:00 PM. We will leave the church at 4:30 PM sharp!

Cost: \$4 (this includes skate rental) and a little money for McDonald's.

February 3 – Super Bowl Sub and Salad Sale

7:00 AM – All the youth are to be at the church to make the subs.

February 6 – Regular Meeting

6:00 – 8:15 PM

February 13 – Red Night

6:00 – 8:15 PM

There will be prizes for the youth who wear the reddest, and can recite a Bible verse about God's love.

Wavers will go home for our weekend activities.

February 16 – Galantine sleepover and Dude Night

6:30 PM until 11:15 AM

Galantine sleepover for the ladies of our group at the Smeltzer's house. Chocolate will play a big part in our evening activities. We will attend church together on Sunday morning.

Dude Night: All guys going to the Skyzone. We will attend church together on Sunday morning. Guys will sleep at the church unless a parent would like to host them. Let us know if you want to host.

February 27 – Extended Night: Service Project

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Details TBA



Celebrations



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|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 5 | Shelley Smeltzer | 23 | Doris Leatherman |
| 6 | Ethel Elliott | | Jean Thwaits |
| 8 | Londyn Miller | 24 | Lois Miller |
| 11 | Don Juday | 26 | Natalee Lambright |
| 13 | Bob Reedy | | Natalie Leach |
| 18 | Katie Miller | 28 | Bill Alfrey |
| 19 | Miriam Garris | | Vienna Griffith |
| | Ty Park | | Leonard Jones |
| | Cheyenne Emmons | | Marge Neterer |



- 12 Phil & Rosemary Wagoner
- 22 Jason & Melissa Mommer
- 26 Mark & Kristene Miller

Answer to the Hidden Image

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Answer to Guess Who

Chad Miller

Answers to Bible Quiz

- 1. Lot (Gen. 14:11-16), 2. Zedekiah (II Kings 25:5-7),
- 3. Samson (Judg. 16:19-21), 4. Joshua (Josh. 8:28-29),
- 5. Eli (I Sam. 4:15-18), 6. Naaman (II Kings 5:2-4), 7. Daniel (Dan. 1:3-8),
- 8. Babylonians (Ps. 137:3), 9. Nebuchadnezzar (II Kings 25:1-4),
- 10. Ezekiel (Ezek. 1:1)



Upcoming Events

- 02/01 4:30 PM Youth Christian Skate Night at Eby Pines and McDonald's
- 02/03 9:20 AM Children's Church
- 02/05 5:30 PM Witness Commission meets
6:00 PM Nurture Commission meets
6:30 PM Stewards Commission meets
7:00 PM Worship & Ministry Commission meets
- 02/06 5:30 PM Awana meets weekly
6:00 PM Youth meets weekly
6:30 PM Adult Bible Study meets weekly
- 02/09 8 AM – 8 PM Fundraiser for Jim Hawkins
- 02/15 10:30 AM 60+ Seniors meet in the cabin
- 02/16 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast at Angel's House of Pancakes
5:00 PM SPA Dinner and Delicacies
6:30 PM Youth – Galantine and Dude Night – Church is reserved
- 02/17 9:20 AM Children's Church
10:30 AM Following in Christ's Footsteps classes begin
- 02/18 Noon Deadline for newsletter submissions
- 02/21 3:00 PM Greencroft Bible Study
- 02/22 6:00 PM Women's Fellowship – Game Night
- 02/24 11:30 AM All Church carry in
- 03/01 4:30 PM Youth Christian Skate Night at Eby Pines
- 03/03 9:20 AM Children's Church
- 03/05 5:30 PM Witness Commission meets
6:00 PM Nurture Commission meets
6:30 PM Stewards Commission meets
7:00 PM Worship & Ministry Commission meets
- 03/08 6:15 PM Camp Mack's annual dinner
- 04/14 4:00 PM Love Feast

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