

Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren  
Wednesday Wonderings

January 2, 2019



**Prayer Concerns**

Please pray for: **Carol Spann, Jay Clevenger, Robin Lambert, Skye McCullough, Ramona Hektor, and DeWayne Brubaker.** God knows what their needs are. Lift them up for peace, comfort, and/or healing.

**Praises**

**Robin Lambert** has been gifted enough money to purchase an electric wheel chair.

**DeWayne Brubaker** came home on Tuesday, January 1. Stop in and see him!

**Welcome** to **Ramona Hektor** who became a member of our church on Sunday, December 30.



**Random Praises** from the December 30 Connection Cards: Thanking God for: *my Jesus and my church family; answered prayers; my health; family times at Christmas; showing us we matter to Him; sunshine; Jesus and His love for each one of us; Robin Lambert's new wheelchair; always meeting our needs; eternal life; protecting me; a new year to worship the Lord and do His work; safe travels over the holidays; watching over us in 2018.*

**Pastors' Office Hours**

Pastor Kelly—Tuesday-Friday 8:30 am - Noon  
cell phone: 260-571-9992

Pastor Erin—Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - Noon  
cell phone: 260-571-6612

Church phone: 260-982-6169  
Church Website: [www.libertymillscob.org](http://www.libertymillscob.org)

**Weekly Calendar**

Sun., Jan. 6—6:00 pm—**The Chew**  
Tues., Jan. 8—4:00 pm—**Community Meal**  
6:00 pm—**Prayer Meeting**  
Wed., Jan. 9—6:00 pm—**Mustard People**  
Thurs., Jan. 10—7:00 pm—**Church Council**  
Sat., Jan. 12—7:00 am—**Men's Breakfast**  
3:00 pm—**take down Christmas decorations** in the church

**Attendance & Offering**

**Traditional Service:**

Attendance: 12/23—52; 12/30—65  
Offering: 12/23—\$2,673.00; 12/30—\$3,556.00

**Sunday School**

Attendance: 12/23—85; 12/30—NA

**Contemporary Service:**

Attendance: 12/23—148; 12/30—143  
Offering: 12/23—\$2,976.28; 12/30—\$2,314.20

Total Offering: 12/23—\$5,649.28  
12/30—\$5,870.20

Weekly Budget—\$5,355.62



## Opportunities

### Community Meal

Our church will plan, provide and serve the **Community Meal** at the Zion Lutheran Church in downtown North Manchester on Tuesday, January 8 and Tuesday, January 22. If you would like to help provide food or volunteer to help serve, please contact *Theresa Sites*.

### Manchester Haiti Mission Team

Several people from our church will be traveling with this team in February to be the hands and feet of Jesus. If you would like to offer financial assistance to these individuals, please contact Collenna Jimenez or Bill Baxter.



**NEW YEAR PRAYER:**

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.

*The Daily Bible Verses*  
<http://thedailyverses.blogspot.com> - [www.facebook.com/thedailybibleverses](http://www.facebook.com/thedailybibleverses)

**Please Note:** The 2019 Church Directories are in your mailboxes at the church. If you do not have a church mailbox or you want more copies of the directory than are in your mailbox, see Diane Williams.

## News from the South/Central Church of the Brethren January newsletter:

### PARADISE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LOST IN FIRE

A report from Pacific Southwest District and District Executive Russ Matteson, The Camp Fire in Butte County in northern California overran the town of Paradise and other smaller communities on Thursday, Nov. 8. Lost in the fire were all of the buildings on the property of Paradise Church of the Brethren, which includes the main church facility and sanctuary, the parsonage, a youth building, and two rental cottages.

All persons who were a part of the congregation did get out of Paradise safely and are now living with relatives in other parts of northern California. The congregation's membership was very small, as was the case with the Rock Fellowship, which had been renting space from the church and sharing in worship and ministry for the last many years. In the face of this devastation the congregation has let the district know that they will not continue in ministry.

Joel Price, District Stewards Chair, and District Executive Russ Matteson visited pastor Melvin Campbell and his wife, Jane, on Nov. 28. As is the case with so many of those displaced, they are trying to figure out what steps to take next.

There is a need to provide support in spiritual and material ways to the Brethren who were affected by the fire. People have lost their homes and their possessions because the fire moved so quickly that there was no time to grab much before evacuating. The district is receiving donations to provide direct support to help with the needs of the pastor and members of the Paradise congregation as they seek to recover.

Checks can be sent to:

*Pacific Southwest District Church of the Brethren  
P.O. Box 219  
La Verne, CA 91750  
Please note "Paradise Fire."*

Mail donations to support the Children's Disaster Services (CDS) response and Brethren Disaster Ministries plans for a long-term recovery response to the Camp Fire to:

*Emergency Disaster Fund Church of the Brethren  
1451 Dundee Ave.  
Elgin, IL 60120.  
Please note "Camp Fire Response."*

Continue to hold these church members in your prayers as they move forward and seek healing and answers. We encourage you to remember all those affected by this fire, and other wildfires, in your prayers.