

# THE AGAPIAN

June 2014 — Agape Church of the Brethren

## Power to be healed

I wrote this poem about Love Feast in 2007:

I said to many men, "May I serve you?"  
But to a man, who because of pride is my adversary, I would say, "Will you be served by me?"  
I have asked the man to let me be the one in control and Power.  
Jesus stops by me.  
I AM says to me, "Will you be served by me?"  
I say "No."  
He says, "Then you may have no part in me."  
Thinking I have Jesus' point, I turn to this man and say. "I will be served by you."  
But Jesus looks at me with love.  
Eventually, I say. "You may serve me"

Have you ever wondered just what it is about us that makes us want to be the one who gives instead of the one who receives?

I think it is pride. In John 13, Jesus comes to wash Peter's feet and Peter refuses because Jesus is Lord and Master and Peter is merely the student. Jesus tells Peter that if he is too proud to be served then he can have no part of God's kingdom.

We are people who both give grace and receive grace. And the mystery is that if we do not receive it, if we are not willing to receive it without any means of paying back, then we are not able to give it.

Here is the lesson I learn in this mystery: It all comes from God. Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace you have been saved through faith and this is the gift of God. It is not by works. Otherwise, we would have reason to boast..."

**-Pastor Phil**

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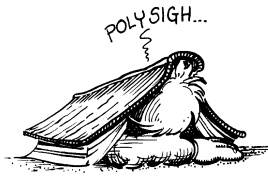
## We Honor Our Fathers

June 15, 2014

God gave Moses 10 Commandments written in stone. One of which says to honor our fathers and mothers. Our Brethren heritage directs us to love God and Jesus and then our neighbor and to seek ways to be of service to those in need. Bringing these two principles together, Parish Ministries Commission is encouraging the congregation to honor each of our fathers by giving to the Special Operation Warrior Foundation or to Heifer Project. Each of these charities serves those in need. We are familiar with Heifer Project, a former Brethren program, founded by Church of the Brethren, Dan West, an organization to fight poverty around the world. Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SOWF) is a charity to support families of those men and women who in their efforts to protect our country have lost their lives or have become seriously disabled. The charity support families, immediately after learning of the loss of their loved one and provides scholarships to their children to attend university. Both charities need our support and is a way to honor our fathers who are with us now or with our Father in heaven. Persons wishing to honor their fathers in this way can place a check to either organization in the offering plate now till Father's Day. Literature for either organization is available for those interested in more information.

## **GRADUATES - BEST WISHES AND GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU!**

We will be honoring the following Agape graduates: Joel Brenneman graduates from Homestead High School, Kelley Brenneman completes her degree from Manchester University, Jacob Klopfenstein gets his degree from Indiana University, and Ross Robison finishes his 6 year program in Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University. They will be sharing their plans for summer and the coming year during the worship service.



### **Church workday** on Friday, June

6 from 9:00 am - noon, following the Men's breakfast. Jobs to be attempted include weed control, window washing, a few painting projects, etc. All available people--men and women--are encouraged to pitch in and help out.



## **Women's Fellowship**

June 6-7 is the Women's Retreat at Winona Lake! If you'd just like to come up for the day and enjoy the Art Fair, we'd love to see you!

Contact Peg Robison or Kara Morris for more details.

*Fellowship*

### **2014 4-H Chicken BBQ Dinner (20<sup>th</sup> year)**

Again, the Agape Church Board is serving High's BBQ chicken at the 4-H Fair on Thursday, July 24 from 5 p.m. to approximately 9 p.m. We will need people to bake desserts, donate various items and volunteers to work. Please set this date aside to help with this event. Also, please tell all your friends and family about our dinner. Sign-up sheets will be posted the first of July. This year the proceeds will go equally to the Messick Family (missionaries), Huntertown Park and Camp Mack. If you have any new ideas to help make this event more successful or questions, see Vicki Welch.



### **SECRET GAL PALS WRAP UP BY REVEALING WHO IS WHO!**

Sunday June 1 will be the final gift exchange and a lunch out for those ladies who participated in this program. We began in February and continued through May by sharing sneaky notes and gifts, and by keeping our secret gal pal in prayers.

# Father's Day Tribute

– BY JOYCE MUSSER

Dads: What are they good for? EVERYTHING! Fathers are the rudders of the family ship. They are a key factor in setting GOALS for the whole family and for keeping the family FOCUSED and on course. Being a dad is one of the most amazing, yet most challenging experiences a man will have in his lifetime. Ups and downs of all types happen from the time you first hold that new baby in your arms, to the time you see them don a cap and gown, till they leave your home to build one of their own. There is a sense of relief and accomplishment at each step along the adventure.

Dale Warner shared, “Being a dad, with help from Jody, has definitely been a BLESSING. It is a real JOY and HONOR to be a parent to Josh and Jennifer and SHARE that experience with Jody. Parenting is not always easy, but is a GIFT FROM GOD to be treasured dearly.” Dale’s (deceased) father, Harry Warner, always said, “When you finally become good at parenting, your kids are grown.” Quote from Josh, “Fathers are who you look up to when young, then hopefully live up to when you're old enough to realize the value of their wisdom.”

And Jennifer Warner shared: “I think I have the best dad in the world. He is always there for me and my family. I have a dad and tennis partner and best friend. Love you dad!”

ENJOY your child, no matter his age. Stop what you are doing and LOOK at him and LISTEN to him. Let him know you CHERISH him. The house will always need to be cleaned or another work project to be done.....later. And when you look back, you will say, “Where did that time go? It went by sooooo fast!”

To all the fathers, stepdads, grandpops, and to all the men who make a difference in the lives of the children, “We LOVE you, we NEED you, and we THANK YOU! Love ya bunches, your children!”

*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6*



We are in need of additional summer staff here at **Camp Mack**. We are looking for hardworking, dedicated, high school or college age teenagers to come and work with us. We are willing to look at short term

options instead of the entire summer. You can find applications on our website or come to the camp office and pick one up. If you have any questions please call Camp Mack at 574-685-4831.

## CAMP MACK FESTIVAL

Plan now to be a part of the Camp Mack Festival on October 4!

To sign up for a booth at the Food Court contact: Marie Tom, 574-518-2415 or email at [grandkidsrus24@gmail.com](mailto:grandkidsrus24@gmail.com).

To enter a scarecrow, contact: Linda Starr, 574-936-2358 or email at [lils0527@comcast.net](mailto:lils0527@comcast.net).

To offer a demonstration, contact: Tim or Amy Strycker, 574-538-1127 or email at [atstrycker@yahoo.com](mailto:atstrycker@yahoo.com).



## NYC Prayer Day, June 22

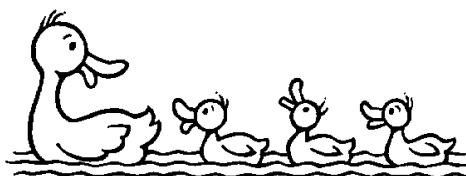
A day of prayer for this summer's National Youth Conference has been scheduled for Sunday, June 22. Congregations across the country are invited to set aside a special time



in their Sunday morning worship services on June 22 to pray for all who will be participating in the conference.

## TIMBERCREST'S SUMMER FESTIVAL

Timbercrest is celebrating 125 years with a year long celebration and on June 5-7 they will hold a Summer Festival as part of this. On Thursday, June 5th, enjoy activities from 4-9 pm including free ice cream and Nordmann's Nook Pie. At 7 pm the Fort Wayne Chamber Brass will perform. On Friday, June 6th, activities will include a concert by The Bulldog at 7 pm and also the first day of the Kids Carnival. Pizza Hut and Kountry Krunch & Munch will be offered both Friday and Saturday. Saturday's highlights include square dancing at 10 am, a fish fry at 11 am, hayrides and a concert by the Triumphant Quartet at 2 pm. Festival times for Saturday are 10 am-4 pm. Admission is free. Timbercrest is "Making good things happen... together". Contact them at 260-982-2118 or [www.timbercrest.org](http://www.timbercrest.org).



## AGAPE can Help!!!!

### Annual Conference Service Project

The COB Annual Conference will partner this year with the YMCA/YWCA of Columbus Ohio for the annual "Witness to the Host City".

The Witness Commission will be collecting Men and Women's socks for our delegate to take to Annual Conference, July 2-6.

There will be a collection basket set out in the Narthex through June 29.

Thank all of you for your donations !!



## FOOD BANK

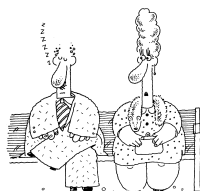
### news

First of all, THANKS to all the volunteers working the Food Bank in May. Your service is very much appreciated. The Food Bank continues to need our donations to help those in need in the 46825 zip code. We want to emphasize the following items for our collection:

CATSUP, DRY BEANS, VEGETABLE OIL, TOILET PAPER, KLEENEX, DISH SOAP AND TOOTHBRUSHES.

## Senior Moments

The next Senior Moments meeting is on **Wednesday, June 4th at 12:00 noon.** Bring a covered dish to share!



## AGAPE VBS 2014 - "IN THE BEGINNING, GOD CREATED ..... THE HEAVENS"

**Wed & Thu, June 18/19 and 25/26  
From 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.**

Join us for 4 evenings to explore light and dark, the sun, the moon, and the stars along with the verses from Genesis 3, 14-18. This VBS is for everyone, and we'll begin each evening in the fellowship hall with a time of singing, scripture, skits, and offerings. Then the children will go with their age groups for stories, snacks, games, crafts, and fun.

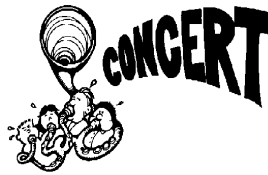
The adults will stay in the fellowship hall for a presentation. Speakers include a member of the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society, volunteers and recipients of Make A Wish Foundation an art teacher sharing about various forms of art depicting the creation, and taking a look at Solar Power.

There's something for everyone, and we hope you will plan to participate. Workers with the children are still needed, so see Becky Morris if you'd like to help any or all nights as group leaders or helpers, craft leaders (materials and plans will be ready), game helpers, or kitchen helpers (easy prep and serving). Donations for materials and supplies would be welcome if you'd like to contribute.

Spread the word - we will have brochures available soon to pass along to family and friends. Registration forms for children will be included, so promote this ministry of Agape and plan to join us for four nights of learning and sharing God's word.



**The Agape Accordion Band ...** played a program for the St. Joseph Harvest Home on Wednesday, May 14. They donated \$60 to our church in appreciation.



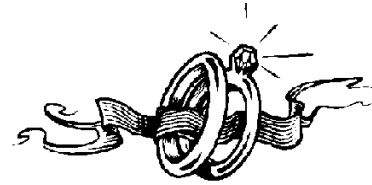
## From Care 2 Learn ...

Care to Learn is a local educational ministry that will be offering summer small group instruction in the areas of Math for 1st grade through High School, ISTEP prep (math or Reading) and more! The hands on learning is offered at multiple locations. Care 2 Learn also offers year round one on one tutoring in many subjects for most ages. Area neurologists refer to Care 2 Learn for specialized training in the Orton-Gillingham method, a multisensory approach to reading, writing and spelling. For more information and to register, please visit [www.C2LM.com](http://www.C2LM.com) or call 436-6393.



Holly and I would like to thank our church family for their support of our pantry shower on Sunday, May 18th. A special thank-you to Beth and Judy for decorating and organizing! We feel blessed to have your support. Thanks to all of you, our pantry will be stocked when we move!

Love, Ross



## ROSS & HOLLY PUNCH RECIPE

1-12 oz can frozen Raspberry White Grape juice concentrate  
1-12 oz can frozen Lemonade concentrate  
3/4 teaspoon lime juice  
3 cups water  
3 cups lemon-lime soda  
1 cup crushed ice  
1 cup raspberries

Mix all together and serve.

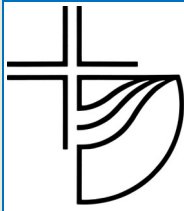
This was the punch served at Ross and Holly's kitchen shower along with cake pops.

## GARAGE SALE #4 ANOTHER SUCCESS!

Thanks to everyone who donated their "stuff" and especially to those who helped in some way. We had a great crew of about 16 people setting up, organizing things, and getting ready on Tuesday and Wednesday. The 13 Agapians who watched the swarm of about 40 people at the door Thursday morning were amazed at the amount of "stuff" that was gone by noon. Action was pretty slow both afternoons, but there was a trickle of people Friday morning checking out the goodies. The remaining things were packed into boxes, loaded into Chuck's truck, and delivered to the Salvation Army. Our donation jar for the Food Bank totaled just over \$300, and we added \$9 to the quarter bank. Thanks to: Linda C, Peg, Rick, Becky M, Chuck M, Kerri, Dean, Jim, Rose, Dale A, Phil, Joan S, Diana, Ron, Becky I, Mary Jo, Gene, Joan B, Ray, Laura, Steve C, Doug, Jane S, Lynn, Tania, Dave, and all the youth who enjoyed a little "dress up" time along with helping organize things. Whether you were there for a few hours or all 4 days, the mission of Agape was apparent - it's a WIN (we de-clutter) WIN (people who need things get them free) WIN (the food bank benefits) operation! Thanks to all who made it happen again.

# JUNE 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Bread & Cup w/kneelers <b>Al &amp; Anna Glick</b>	2 6:30 pm Aerob-ex	3 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Scouts	4 12:00 Senior Moment. 6 pm Brd/Exec Mtg <b>Dale Warner</b> <b>Ray &amp; Becky Imhoff</b> <b>Dale &amp; Jody Warner</b>	5 6:30 pm B4G 6:30 pm Aerobics <b>Bob Musser</b>	6 8 am Men's Breakfast* 9-12 pm Spring Cleaning 6 pm BVS Potluck Women's Retreat*→	7 Women's Retreat* <b>Roger &amp; Mary Hauptert</b>
8	9 6:30 pm Aerob-ex	10 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Scouts 6:30 pm Crafty NG* <b>Shirley Anderson</b>	11 <b>Ryan Spurgeon</b> <b>Mary Ebert</b>	12 6:30 pm B4G 6:30 pm Aerob-ex	13	14 <b>Mark Welch</b>
15 <i>Father's Day</i>	16 6:30 pm Aerob-ex <b>Chuck &amp; Becky Morris</b>	17 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Scouts <b>Colton Hale</b>	18 6:30-8:30 pm VBS	19 6:30-8:30 pm VBS <b>Doug Welch</b>	20	21 <b>Gerry &amp; Sandy Charvat</b> <b>Randee &amp; Peg Robison</b>
22 <b>Sarah Spurgeon</b>	23 6:30 pm Aerob-ex <b>Janis Burroughs</b>	24 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Scouts <b>Yvonne Hunt</b> <b>Gene Wort</b>	25 10 am Daytime NG 6:30-8:30 pm VBS <b>Rob &amp; Melissa Robison</b>	26 6:30-8:30 pm VBS	27 <b>Terron McCoy</b>	28 <b>Maura Furry</b>
29	30 6:30 pm Aerob-ex <b>Betty Eriks</b>					



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### **REMEMBERING DAD**

**When I was:**

**Four years old: My daddy can do anything.**

**Five years old: My daddy knows a whole lot.**

**Six years old: My dad is smarter than your dad.**

**Eight years old: My dad doesn't know exactly everything.**

**Ten years old: In the olden days, when my dad grew up, things were sure different.**

**Twelve years old: Oh, well, naturally, Dad doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood.**

**Fourteen years old: Don't pay any attention to my dad. He is so old-fashioned.**

**Twenty-one years old: Him? My Lord, he's hopelessly out of date.**

**Twenty-five years old: Dad knows about it, but then he should, because he has been around so long.**

**Thirty years old: Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience.**

**Thirty-five years old: I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.**

**Forty years old: I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise.**

**Fifty years old: I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him. - Unknown**