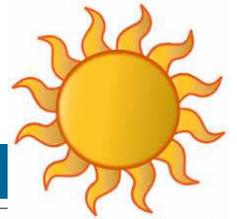


# Osage News



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## Upcoming Events

### August 11

Group Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

### August 15

Men's Fellowship

7:30 a.m.

### August 16

District Conference Update in  
Worship

### August 18

Prairie Gardner's Meeting-  
Dave Wallace's Home

7:00 p.m.

### August 30

Sunday School Promotion  
Lunch Bunch Following Wor-  
ship

### September 6

Labor Day

### Every Tuesday

Community Lunch at the  
Church

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

### Every Monday

Aunt B & Friends—7:00 p.m.

### Every Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Nursery provided for ages 3  
and younger

## Pictures from Vacation Bible School 2015

(thanks to Judy Allen for some of these pictures)



Just this past week, I have come back from Annual Conference in Tampa Florida and I heard a wonderful insight session on intergenerational relationships lead by Roger Nishioka. connecting people of all ages....

At the session, we talked about youth ministry in church. One couple who shared were youth ministers at their church. They shared that it was near impossible to get other adults to help them with youth ministry. They shared that the worship services were so boring that it was difficult to get any youth to attend. I have to leave the Worship conversation for another time. But let me say this: Too many people say today: I just didn't feel good at that church... I wasn't comfortable! You know what.... What is Church and Worship about? I will say this: It is not about comfort. It is about connecting people to Jesus Christ!!!

Let me take you back to this interesting conversation with youth leaders. Roger asked if they had talked to their pastor and they said that he was not any help. Roger asked about other committees such as

Christian Education or Ministry committee?? The couple said that they talked to many committees in church and got no help. At exhaustion, he asked about people who had lead in the past for the youth. These youth leaders said this: We eventually asked them to stop... They just weren't faithful enough with the kids.. What does that mean? asked Roger. Well, the adults just didn't give enough time and were not able to commit to what the youth needed. The couple went on. You see, we are the only reason the kids come to church. They don't come for worship because its boring, they don't come to see other adults. They come because of us. Then, Here came Roger's response to this couple that I found shocking and almost unbelievable. He strongly suggested that this couple leave the church. He said you should leave. When they started to protest, Roger said what you have described to me was a cult, not a youth ministry program. Your job as youth leaders is to connect young people to the Body of Christ that means the Church. Not YOU!

He is right. Faithful youth

ministry or any ministry is built around the body of Christ-the Congregation. Faithful youth ministry engages the whole church in the work of youth ministry. When a youth minister, choir director, or Pastor ever leaves, I can think of no higher compliment than when the church continues on and grows with no youth leader or pastor. Do we build a system built on the youth leader or the pastor? Or do we build a system that calls for you and me to serve in such a way that power is shared and the authority rests in Jesus Christ through the body of Christ, the Church!!!

Friends, I honestly believe that programs at Church are about connecting people to the Body of Christ? Does every program we promote at church do this? Lets pray about it.

In Christ, Pastor Mike<sup>3</sup>



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

## Come-N-Dine Menu \*



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896 S 80th St

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Every Tuesday from  
11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.  
(or the food is gone)

### August 11

Bar-B-Q Sandwich  
Baked Beans  
Ranch Potatoes  
Salad/Roll

### August 18

Spaghetti/Meatballs  
Green Beans  
Salad  
Garlic Bread

### August 25

Hot Pork  
Mashed Potatoes /Gravy  
Broccoli/Rice  
Salad/Roll

### September 1

Meat Loaf  
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy  
Corn  
Salad & Roll

### September 7

White Chicken Enchilada  
Red Beans/Rice  
Salad & Chips

\*Dessert included with meal

Free will offering accepted

\*Menu subject to change

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**Prairie Gardner's  
Report ~by Martha Price**

Twelve members and 1 guest of the Prairie Gardeners met 7:00 p.m. July 21, 2015 at the home of Gary and Sharon Starr east of Girard to visit their beautiful landscaped area. In 2010 the Starr's had only a few trees on their pallet. They started at one corner of the house and began their landscaping. It proceeded around the house and across the yard over the years. All types of annuals and perennials and shrubs have been added. The most impressive area for this reporter was the recirculating waterfall surrounded by large rocks and winding down from the front porch. Other members had their favorite areas also.

Following the yard tour, some members met on the side porch for refreshments served by Sharon Starr while Sharon took other members on a tour of the interior of the home. We all came together for a short meeting.

**Roll Call:**

Dave Wallace - to keep mosquitoes away mix Dawn, Epsom salts and beer then spray  
 Connie Pentar - has black tomatoes and peppers  
 Noretta O'Toole - garden is a mess of weeds  
 Zelda McColm - nice sunflowers in weeds; nice cosmos  
 Martha Parsons - has lots of tomatoes  
 John Hiller - bothered by Pecan tent caterpillars

**September Cont...**

Dick Surridge	18
Bob Collins	19
Eian Monsour	20
Caleb Egbert	21
Camden Leonard	22
Jim Leonard	22
Ashley Curtis	23
Danny Egbert	23
Gina Buzard	24
Alan Egbert	27

**September Anniversaries**

Mike & Linda Sand	2
Ray & Ashka Huff	4
Mike & Laura Huffaker	8
Paul & Carol Troop	12

Paul & Carol Troop - were present  
 Roy Parsons - needs help at McCune library  
 Earl Hartman - Vinegar, Epsom salts, Dawn kills grass  
 Diane Hiller - Busy canning tomatoes  
 Marsha Hartman - seeing tree leaf drop  
 Martha Price - Bounce dryer softener sheet carried in pocket keeps mosquitoes away

Next meeting will be at Dave Wallace home in Weir on August 18 at 7:00 p.m.



**August Birthdays**

Jamie Alexander	4
Earl Hartman	9
Tyler Egbert	10
Ray Huff	12
Austin Egbert	17
Christina Wood	20
Kathleen Cheney	22
Sandra Martinie	23
Kamryn Huffaker	25
Doris Crumpacker	27
Twyla McColm	28
Marsha Hartman	29
Jarry Clawson	29
Chad Buzard	31

**August Anniversaries**

Christa & Lester Wagner	2
Kenny & Victoria Murphy	3
Mark & Nancy Crumpacker	11
Jim & Colleen Huff	19

**September Birthdays**

Clark Egbert	2
Harmony Wood	3
Matthew Martinie	4
Zelda McColm	5
Mike Sand	5
Nancy Crumpacker	6
Tammy Peak	7
Edna Brubaker	8

To the barefoot man, happiness is a pair of old shoes. To the man with old shoes, it's a pair of new shoes. To the man with new shoes, it's more stylish shoes. And, of course, the fellow with no feet would be happy to be barefoot.

This leads to the ancient insight: If you want to be happy, count your blessings, not your burdens. Measure your life by what you have, not by what you don't.

Yet in our modern world where we're continually exposed to endless increments of more and better – others with more money, better TVs, and bigger houses — this is very difficult.

For some people, the pleasure of having something good is drained as soon as they see someone else with something better. Our sense of contentment is created or destroyed by comparisons.

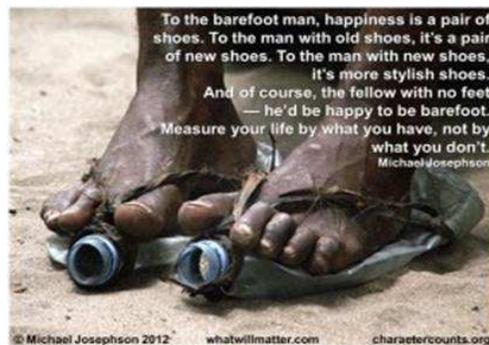
A life consumed with unfulfilled wants is an affliction. The antidote is the concept of "enough." This starts by thinking more clearly about the difference between our needs and our wants, between sufficiency and abundance.

Don't get me wrong, there's nothing wrong with wanting more and striving to fill our lives with things and experiences that give us pleasure, so long as we don't believe we need whatever we want.

When we think we need what we really only want, we make our desires preconditions to happiness, thereby diminishing our ability to appreciate and enjoy what we do have.

It's easy to think that happiness is achieved by getting what we want when it's really a matter of wanting what we get.

In the end, enough is enough.



**The Magic Bank**

by Nancy Crumpacker



The author is unknown. This was found in the billfold of coach Paul Bear Bryant after he died in 1982.

Imagine that you had won the following \*Prize\* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account in your use. However, this prize has rules:

- The set of rules:
1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
  2. You may not simply transfer money into some

3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon waking, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do? You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on your

self, right? You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right? Actually, this game is real...Shocked?? Yes! Each of us is already a winner of this \*Prize\*. We just can't seem to see it. The Prize is \*Time\*.

1. Each morning we awaken to receive \$86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. That we haven't used up for that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the ac-

count is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time without warning...

So, what will you do with your 86,400 seconds? These seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because that time races by so much quicker that you think. So take care of yourself, and be happy, love deeply and enjoy life! Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start "spending"...

## Word for Teenagers

~ submitted by Colleen Huff

*Taken from a Newspaper Article*

Northland College principal John Tapene has offered the following words from a judge who regularly deals with youth, "Always we hear the cry from teenagers, "what can we do, where can we go?"

"My answer is this: Go home, mow the lawn, wash the windows, learn to cook, build a raft, get a job, visit the sick, study your lessons and after you've finished, read a book. Your town does not owe you recreational facilities and your parents do not owe you fun.

The word does not owe you a living, you owe the world something. You owe it your time, energy and talent so that no one will be at war, in sickness and lonely again. In other words grow up being a cry baby, get out of your dream world and develop a backbone not a wishbone. Start behaving like a responsible person, You are important and you are needed. It's too late to sit around and wait for somebody to do something someday. Someday is now and that somebody is you."

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## AMAZING GRACE from and AMAZING GOD

Submitted by: Colleen Huff

Article written by: Jeff Swart



One of the most enduring and endearing Broadway musicals is Annie. Based upon the 1885 poem entitled Little Orphan Annie, the musical has been revived many times on stage and on the give screen four times (1976, 1982, 1999, & 2014). In the film version of the musical, Annie, a little red-haired orphan girl, is chauffeured from an orphanage to Daddy Warbuck's mansion. One of Mr. Warbuck's assistants describes for Annie all the wonderful opportunities that she will enjoy in her new home with her new family. He tells her that she will take tennis lessons, go swimming, shop for new clothes, and even choose what she would like to eat for dinner. The list of privileges that come with her new family goes on and on.

Annie is then asked what she would like to do first. Because she is accustomed to earning her keep at the orphanage, she stops to think for a moment and then says, "I think I'll do the windows first and then the floors, so in case I spill water on the floor I can mop it up while scrubbing." Annie is told that she will not have to do chores in her new home---she will not have to earn her keep in her new family. She can't believe it. It seems almost too good to be true.

Being adopted into God's family is a lot like Annie's experience. Almost from birth we are taught that we have to work for everything in life and the better we do---the easier life will be. But to be adopted into God's family

requires no work on our part---the work has already been done by Christ when He lived a perfect life for us and took upon Himself the penalty for our sins on the cross.

The Apostle Paul clearly stated that we are saved by grace and that no one is saved by their good works when he wrote, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith---and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God---& not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8, 9) and "He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy" (Titus 3:5). Paul said that we are saved by both God's grace and God's mercy. Grace is God giving us what we do not deserve and mercy is God withholding from us what we do deserve.

Although we do not earn our salvation, we are overwhelmed by God's great love for us and want to serve our Lord and Savior as an offering of thanksgiving to Him.

Becoming a member of God's family is nothing that we can earn. It is a free gift to us although it cost our Lord everything. There is no other way to describe it but "amazing grace from an amazing God."

**Awesome  
God!  
Amazing Power**



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Adam Martinie at 5k challenge Annual Conference



The Tampa Convention Center



The Martinie's at Annual Conference



### Remembered...Gerald Nehar

Submitted by Barb Egbert

As per the Messenger, Gerald Nehar, former Church of the Brethren mission worker in Nigeria, died May 25 at the Cedars in McPherson, Kansas. He and his wife Lois lived in McPherson since his retirement from teaching. Since the April 2014 abduction of 200 plus schoolgirls from Chibok by Boko Haram, Nehar became known for perhaps authoring the only book published in English about Chibok and its people. The book, which Nehar wrote with his wife also may be the only scholarly study of Chibok society, culture, traditions, and history. The Neher's worked with the Church of the Brethren Mission in Nigeria from 1954 - 1968, serving the Chibok and Kulp Bible School. While at Chibok, they helped expand the size of the school building, making it possible for the first girls to attend the school.

The Nehers lived and worked in Chibok early in their missionary career, and made a thorough study of those among whom they lived. The Book *Life among the Chibok of Nigeria*, was published in 2011 and offered an extensive record of what the Nehers learned about the Chibok during their time there. They listened to the elders speak about their land, their lineage, their ethos, their farming, religious beliefs, kinship, and much more." according to a

description of the book, "so that the Chibok people would have a record of their past and their present as devastating changes have overtaken them." A follow up book, *Glimpses of Life in Northeast Nigeria 1954-1968*, was published in 2014.

After the abductions of the Chibok schoolgirls, the Nehers were interviewed by Michael Daly for the Daily Beast. In the interview, Daly said, We built a school in Boko Haram's Heartland." Daly Noted that "the Very opposite of terrorists arrived in Chibok more than a half century ago before the world came to know the remote Nigerian village as the place where maniacal members of Boko Haram kidnapped more than 270 girls and burned down their school. While the terrorist group struck in recent days intending only evil, Gerald and Lois Neher of Kansas came to Chibok in 1954 with the purpose of doing as much good as they were able. They helped make it possible for girls to attend school there in the first place."



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### Thank You

Thank you to the whole church for the gas card! If helped us out a lot. You all are great and miss you all. Thanks again!!

Ashley & Aaron Williams, Pastor Mike and Laura's daughter and son-in-law

## Nigeria Crisis Response Update

Sumbitted by Barb Egbert

Per the Messenger July/August 2015 issue

As per the Messenger, Church of the Brethren staff working with Nigerian Crisis Response has provided an update on the relief effort in Nigeria, which is responding to needs of those affected by the violent Islamist insurgency in the northeast of the country. The crisis response is a cooperative effort of the Church of the Brethren and Ekklesiyar Yanuwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria)

Brethren Disaster Ministries has issued an appeal for 5.3 million to fund two years of the effort. Carl and Roxanne Hill, co-directors of the Nigerian Crisis Response and Global Mission and Service staff, have provided a detailed accounting of the 1,031,086 spent as of April 15 and what has been accomplished with that money.

The Nigerian Crisis response is funded through donations from Brethren congregations and individuals, ecumenical partners, and other groups of individuals. As of April 15, donations amounted to 1,299,800.51. When added to the 1.5 million in "seed funds" designated by the Church of the Brethren Mission and Ministry Board out of denominational reserves and existing monies in the Emergency Disaster Fund, the total comes close to 2.8 million.

Other partners in the work of Nigeria are Mission 21 and Mennonite Central Committee, whose Nigeria staff are providing training for trauma healing workshops in partnership with EYN. Christian Aid ministries is another US-based organization helping to fund the work in Nigeria, working through the Church of the Brethren to aid EYN. Brethren Disaster Ministries estimates that although the current appeal for the Nigerian Crisis Response is for two years, the work will be for a much longer duration.

Staff note a number of accomplishments of the efforts so far, which has included the purchase of three large pieces of land to build care centers where people displaced from Northeast Nigeria may relocate in central Nigeria. At these care center sites, bore holes have been dug to provide water, some of the land has been cleared, 56 shelters are completed and families have moved in. Foundations have been laid for an additional 40 structures. In addition, new inter-faith communities are being developed where Christians and Muslims are living side by side.

Distributions of food and household supplies have taken place in more than 25 sites, giving aid to more than 20,000 people displaced within Nigeria. In addition, assistance has been provided to more than 12000 EYN members who are refugees in Cameroon.

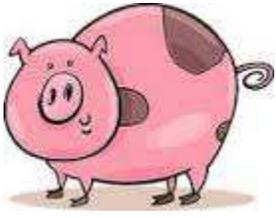
Several hundred people have taken part in trauma healing workshops. A peace and democracy conference was held before the elections, among the efforts going on to promote peaceful co-existence between Christians and Muslims. Seeds and farming implements are being distributed at care centers as displaced people relocate there and begin farming. Gifts of small businesses have been provided to 200 families. Training in computer skills, sewing, and knitting are underway at Skills acquisition Centers.

Many Children have returned to school, but education is not free for Nigerians, so crisis response funds have been used to help displaced children pay for school fees, uniforms, and books, and also pay teacher's salaries. Some 60 orphans also are being cared for on a full time basis.

Much has been done to keep EYN functioning as a church despite the destruction of many of its congregations and most of its district's infrastructure, as well as the need for its headquarters to relocate to central Nigeria. A new annex has been set up for the EYN headquarters, and the building has been remodeled and re-roofed. Housing has been obtained for all of the denominational leaders and their families, and staff quarters are being built. A warehouse with storage space and housing for the relief staff has been purchased. An existing school property is being prepared to relocate Kulp Bible College. In addition crisis response funds also have been used to help EYN hold its annual minister's conference and Majalisa (annual meeting) this year.

EYN has hired seven staff to work on the relief effort, and has purchased two passenger vehicles and a large truck as well as equipment for the relief office. Also included in the Nigerian Crisis Response budget are the administrative costs of all the Nigerian NGOs that are part of the effort. For more information about the Nigerian Crisis Response, go to [www.brethren.org/nigeriacrisis](http://www.brethren.org/nigeriacrisis).

## Paul's Corner



Now and then we have been having Pulled Pork for our meal at our weekly Come and Dine. To

many people, that seems to be a rather new dish that hasn't been around for very many years. Let me tell you about my experience with Pulled Pork and that was many, many years ago; this will show you that it is NOT something that is new!

A friend of mine, Dean, and I needed to get our kids' livestock to the Girard Fair many years ago. I was at his place early one morning with a pickup and trailer to help him load theirs. One of his kids had such a nice hog to take to the fair that looked like blue ribbon material. We tried to coax that hog into the trailer by saying nice things to it, calling that hog, "Little Porky", "Nice Porky". We tried putting down a trail of corn that lead to the trailer; she ignored the corn. We tried putting a bucket over her head so she couldn't see where she was going. She wasn't fooled at all! We tried driving the hog in through a "made up, squeeze chute" that we hastily put together; and she would always manage to turn around and get away from us. We tried putting a small gate behind her and pushing her into the trailer; "little" porkers that size just couldn't be pushed no matter how hard we tried. We tried nearly everything that we could think of but to no avail. We should have named her "Stubborn Porkie". We finally decided to try to lasso the critter. I made that lasso in the size I wanted and got it ready to throw. I twirled that lasso over my head just like I had seen the cowboys do and I let it fly. That lasso flew through the air and lo and behold I had a ringer on that hog with my very first throw! We had to work that rope around the neck to be able to get that rope the way we wanted it. That was quite a challenge to make it hold so it wouldn't slip off as well as to keep it

from choking her.

We finally got her ready to go up the ramp and into the trailer. Now we were ready to "pull that porker" into the trailer. It would be a "piece of cake" from here on! I pulled, Dean pushed; then Dean pulled and I pushed. We were getting tired, hot and thirsty with very little to show for our work. Dean got us each a Pepsi and we guzzled that down. We tired again; this time Dean pushed and I pulled; then I pushed and Dean pulled! Forget that "piece of cake" stuff! Our progress could be measured in "inches". I really did think that the two of us pulling that porkie into the trailer would be easy.

When we started to pull, the pig would set her front feet in "non-skid" position and lock them in. I don't why, but finally the pig did give in and we "got 'er" in the trailer. We now had our "PULLED PORK"! We took off the rope, oops!!! It left red marks on the hog's neck!!! NOT A GOOD THING!!! That "Big Porkie" was a white hog and boy did those red marks show up! We were pretty sure that the Judges at the Fair wouldn't take to that

~ by Paul Troop

very kindly! Not a good sign for that blue ribbon material! Dean got some powder and a powder puff out of the house and he put that stuff lovingly on the hog as best as he could to hide the red marks that the rope had made. When the day came for them to show the hogs and judge them, another dusting of powder was in store. It might not have made the red marks go away completely, but it sure did make the hog smell better. As I remember, the hog did win a blue ribbon! So that was our first acquaintance with "PULLED PORK" and you thought it was something new that was started in the last few years. Maybe we were the first in our Community to get started with "pulled pork" and then it just spread nation wide. And now my friends, this is an honest to goodness true story about "Pulled Pork". Hey, stranger things have happened you know. If you don't believe me; JUST ASK "DEAN ULERY": he will vouch for me!

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