

# Refrigerator News

June 19, 2016



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- Leaders on the Church of the Brethren Denominational staff.

## This Week at Lincolnshire

**Monday, June 20**

First Day of Summer

**Tuesday, June 21**

7:00 p.m. Stewardship

**Wednesday, June 22**

6:30 Outreach and Caring

**Thursday, June 23**

7:00 Leadership Team



**Communion during worship**

### **Congregational Business Meeting**

This business meeting is to present the proposal of the Leadership Team to share our facility with a neighborhood Honduran church to accommodate their growing fellowship. The proposal will be presented with opportunity for discussion and questions during this meeting.



**Summer Forums replace Sunday school classes. Each forum begins at 10:30 following coffee & donuts. They are held in the Overflow area.**

**June 19 - Sara Ward** is a Christian writer who shares how Christ's love and hope have brought her through her husband's cancer, her son's death, and the adoption of two (soon to be three) children.

**June 26- Kathy and Paul Fry-Miller.** Just back from Nigeria, Kathy (Associate Director for Children's Disaster Relief) and Paul, (Physician's Assistant in N. Manchester) have worked with children and families affected by the Boko Haram.

**July 3 – No Forum due to Annual Conference**





**GIVE  
Blood**

Brethren Disaster Ministries is announcing a **Virtual Blood Drive** as an alternative for those not going to the Annual Conference in Greensboro. “Now you can pledge to give blood and set up an appointment through our Red Cross Sleeves Up Campaign,” said the announcement. “If you keep your appointment, the Church of the Brethren will get credit for getting you to the drive. One pint of blood saves three lives! Help us add to the number of lives saved through the Church of the Brethren!” Find out more at <https://sleevesup.redcrossblood.org/campaign/church-of-the-brethren-virtual-blood-drive>



*Speak to Him thou for He hears, and spirit with spirit can meet –  
Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet.*  
- Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Our prayers of love, support and sympathy are extended to **Aletha Sills** and daughters **Debbie** and **Patti** and families upon the passing of Paul Sills last Sunday. Paul’s funeral was held here on Thursday, June 16 where many gathered in memory of Paul’s work with the bread ministry, the food pantry and Lincolnshire stew during Camp Mack Days. He will be missed.

Prayers for patience and encouragement for **Lisa Lahr** as she waits the results of a biopsy done earlier in the week.

**Jane Vorndran** thanks everyone who was so very supportive before, during and after her recent surgery. She said.. “without the prayers, who knows what the outcome would have been? Fortunately it was nothing but good news. I so appreciate the cards, phone calls, texts, emails and Facebook messages. Your good wishes were the glue that held me together during a very stressful time.”

Healing prayers for Becky and Mark, friends of **Linda Fultz. Mark** is healing from a heart procedure done in Indianapolis last week.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families directly affected by the violence in the Orlando community, and those across the country who are weeping with them. Our prayers also for the Children’s Disaster Team who has sent caregivers to Orlando to set up child-care centers. The team will care for children as families are gathered especially where adults are receiving briefings, counseling sessions or during morgue visits.

**On June 13, leaders on the Church of the Brethren denominational staff released the following statement responding to the mass shooting in Orlando, Fla.:**

We are confronted as a nation and the world with yet another horrendous act of violence, in a seeming never-ending cycle. The shooting this weekend in Orlando is a tragedy. It is a tragedy not only for the lives lost and relationships left grieving, but for the fear and hate that it produces. As followers of Jesus we mourn this loss and recommit ourselves to proclaiming and embodying the peace of Christ.

Both the LGBTQ and Muslim communities are regularly the targets of hate. May the Spirit more fully fill us with love for all so that we may be the healing of hands of Christ in times of pain.

In the wake of such tragedies, we are enjoined to refrain from politicizing them, and to take time for crying, mourning, and grieving. Many ask us to let the dust settle, but just as many urge the church to act for peace, justice, and compassion.

Action and mourning are not antithetical, however. It is appropriate for a peace church to condemn the taking of lives, and given the intersection of ideologies in the Orlando shooting, we must speak up. When fear, sexuality, Islam, and terrorism are all part of one event we all can find a call to action.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we must speak for those most vulnerable. LGBTQ brothers and sisters, friends and neighbors so often have been targeted by violence. While this is the largest mass shooting on US soil to date, the number of people who have been killed because of their sexuality over the course of our nation’s history witnesses to the facet that this is not an isolated incident.

Our Muslim neighbors again find themselves condemning with even more conviction what we all condemn implicitly, and at the same time are living in a climate of radicalization and fear. We are aware that Muslim Americans may once again be thrust into harm’s way if fear boils over into violence against their community.

As Christians, we must make the conscious choice to suffer with the victims and marginalized, just as our Lord did. Embodying the way of the crucified and risen Christ, we present another vision, an alternative that is political and nonpartisan in the best sense. This vision is based on a courageous faith, and the deeper truth that courage and faith are to be lived out in our own neighborhoods and cities. We cannot confront the spirit of fear, violence, and hatred in any other way.

We trust that perfect love drives out fear, and that hope is found in the ultimate political action, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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