

Refrigerator News

May 19, 2019



This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, May 20

5:30 p.m.

Last Open Gym for the season

Tuesday, May 21

7:00

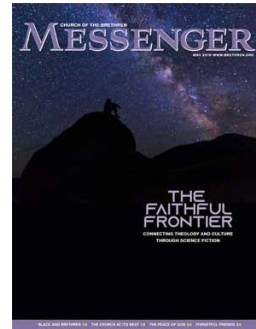
Stewardship Team

Thursday, May 23

7:00 p.m.

Leadership Team Meeting

From the MESSENGER



MESSENGER magazine is the official magazine of the Church of the Brethren. The magazine traces its beginnings to 1851, when Henry Kurtz published the first issue of *The Gospel Visitor*. The first issue of what was then called *The Gospel Messenger* was published in 1883. It was considered the official church paper, though it was not actually owned by the church until 1897, when the church assumed ownership of the Brethren Publishing House.

In 1965, the paper became a biweekly magazine, took on a completely new look, and shortened its name—to simply *MESSENGER*. It now has 10 issues annually, with combined issues in January/February and July/August. While *MESSENGER* is chiefly a print magazine, it offers selected articles online at www.brethren.org/messenger. Most congregants read it online with only a few who subscribe to the print issues as is true with most print magazines today. The church library has past issues for reading. The church office also receives issues with the current print at the hospitality table. The May issue contains several good articles including two on Annual Conference. Feel free to take the current issue home to read or, of course, read it online.



The Church of the Brethren at Work...

A grant of \$3,500 has been given for the community garden project of Community of Joy Church of the Brethren in Salisbury, Md. This project is a new venture with Choices Academy, a local alternative school for at-risk students. Funds will be used to purchase materials to build a movable high tunnel (unheated greenhouse) and to purchase top soil.

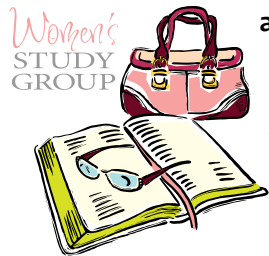
The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOCUS



In the last issue of Refrigerator News, an article highlighted the conversations that will take place during the usual business sessions at the 2019 Annual Conference. The conversations will encourage balanced discussion around three areas of visioning. The areas are:

- How congregations are serving and ministering in and through their life together, helping us understand what is important to congregations and how we might better equip and support one another as we embrace our common passions for ministry in our local settings.
 - How we can better come together as many congregations, joining hands to engage in mission and ministry that is bigger than one congregation can accomplish on its own.
 - How we can transform and better manage the division and conflict that has been a barrier to our full effectiveness in ministry as the Church of the Brethren.
- go to www.brethren.org/ac/2019 for more information about Annual Conference 2019 and follow us on Facebook.



Annual Conference is the highest and final legislative authority in the Church of the Brethren, including all matters of procedure, program, polity and discipline. It is held annually in different locations, chosen to bring the annual meeting into every area where Brethren have congregations. The authority of Conference has its source in the delegates elected by local congregations and district, who come together as a deliberative body under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The voting body consists of two sets of delegates – those representing local congregations and those from church districts.

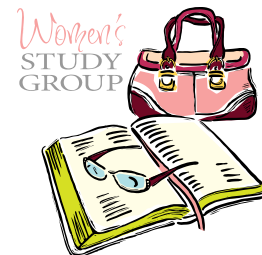


LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES AND NEWS

It's that time of the year to sign up for church yard lawn mowing. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Call Howard Pletcher at 255-9992 if you have any questions.



Lisa Lahr and Laura Revard are looking for volunteers to teach Summer Sunday School for children ages preschool and up. Please contact either Lisa or Laura if you are interesting in helping



Recently, several ladies from the Women's Bible Study Group made their annual pilgrimage to the Timbercrest Home in N. Manchester to join with former Lincolnshire attendees and friends for a morning of reminiscing, catching up on the events of each other's lives and sharing current activities at Lincolnshire. One resident shared that "it had started out as a rather gloomy day but had joyfully changed into a great day!" Wonderful memories are always made from these get-togethers!



Come celebrate with us on Sunday, June 9, as we honor two graduates: Katie Kolb (Homestead High School) and Zoe Vorndran (Manchester University). Both will be acknowledged and receive a gift from the church during main worship (10:30 – 11:30). Following worship will be a potluck meal, complete with a graduation cake. May God's blessings continue to pour over them as they venture into new chapters in their lives and may they know that Lincolnshire is always here to support their spiritual growth.