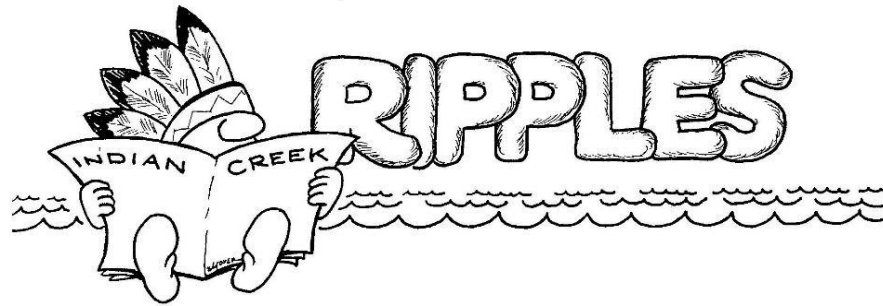


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Indian Creek Church of the Brethren
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9:00 am – Sunday School
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Office Hours

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365 Promises

Article submitted by Courtney Covell: <https://www.365promises.com/september-13.html>

Promise #256:

I will be the voice behind you, guiding you in the way you should go.

Isaiah 30:21 (WEB)

*and when you turn to the right hand,
and when you turn to the left,
your ears will hear a voice behind you,
saying, "This is the way. Walk in it."*

Have you ever come to a fork in the road and wondered which path to take? I know that often, when I go hiking, there inevitably comes a time on the trail where it splits off to the right and then left, and I am not always sure which path to take. Wouldn't it be nice if, at that exact moment, you had a trail guide standing behind you, whispering in your ear what to do?

In today's Bible promise, God says He is right behind us and will tell us how to go. What a comforting thought to know that we are not left alone to figure things out. God has committed to walking with us and, at times, carrying us on our life's journey. Sometimes, when I struggle to find my Father's direction, I wonder if it is because there are so many other thoughts swirling around in my brain that I fail to hear His still, small voice.

Experts say that on an average day, we all have tens of thousands of thoughts chattering in our brains. Perhaps all that noise is drowning out the gentle, quiet whisper of our heavenly Dad, who is standing behind us, willing to tell us where we should go if we will only quiet our minds to listen. This is why I think it says in Psalm 46:10 to *'be still and know that I am God.'*

The next time you need to know what path to take, why not quiet yourself (to the best of your ability) from all the chattering and opinions that swirl in your thought life and listen for the still small voice behind you? God has promised to be there, and He has promised to be the voice that will direct you in the way you should go.

Search Committee Update

There are no updates from the search committee.
Blessings,
Sarah



Nurture Nook

Article and pictures by Donna Parcell

Our August Nurture church event was to host VBS Sunday and a picnic to celebrate following the church service. We were pleased to host several of our VBS families.

The children were excited to share in some of their favorite songs including “One True God”, “The One We Can Trust”, and old favorites “Deep and Wide” (all 4 verses!), and “The Magic Penny”. We had a special visit from Joseph who portrayed the Biblical Joseph, and we shared our daily themes and what we learned including our Bible verse with motions.

For the picnic we decided to try something different and we ordered pizza! It was a big hit. The congregation also generously provided yummy sides and desserts. We had a lot of fun eating together and playing on the playground. It was a fun way for our church family to get to know our friends from VBS!



Youth Group News

Article and pictures by Donna Parcell

For our August youth event we took advantage of the hot weather and decided to hit the water. We met at Branch Creek and did some old fashioned creek stomping! It was so much fun. Those able to attend were Joseph Grau, Kadlin Grau, and Casper Spigel.

Miss Donna brought along one of her kayaks, and everyone had fun paddling around. We are pleased to say that it only capsized once and it didn't sink! Hooray! I won't say who did the tipping, but it was Kadlin. The kayak was a little water logged but we all pitched in to bail it out and continued with the fun. Truth be told it tipped more than once, but only totally capsized once. In any case, there was a lot of laughter!

Joseph always manages to find lots of "treasures" in the creek, including large logs and other debris that he delights in bringing ashore. This time was no exception. Casper alternated between floating in the river in the pink inner tube and rescuing Kadlin.

After our creek adventure, we headed back to Miss Donna's house for some refreshing root beer floats. A perfect treat for a hot day.

For our service project in August, Jadon, Joseph, and Casper helped out at VBS. Jadon directed recreation, and helped out with crafts, Casper helped with the K-5th grade class, and Joseph helped with the preschool-preK class and also portrayed Joseph in the opening and closing. We were so thankful for their help!



VBS 2025

Article and pictures by Donna Parcell

We held VBS during the first week of August. We welcomed 18 students, and had 15 volunteers make it a great week. Our theme was “Joseph’s journey from prison to palace”. The sanctuary and library were decorated like ancient Egypt. Our own Joseph Grau portrayed the Biblical Joseph, and helped introduce and reinforce the daily themes and stories. The children did a great job memorizing the Bible verse for the week, “For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord” Jeremiah 29:11.

We had a different Bible theme each day. Monday’s theme was “God gives us hope”, and we learned how Joseph interpreted dreams in prison and how he never gave up hope even in prison. Tuesday’s theme was “God gives us special abilities” and we learned that Pharaoh put Joseph in charge during the years of plenty. Wednesday’s theme was “God gives us wisdom” and we learned how Joseph led Egypt through the famine. Thursday’s theme was “God gives us forgiveness” and we learned how Joseph forgave his brothers. Friday’s theme was “God gives us a family” and we learned how Joseph’s whole family joined him in Egypt.

To make things fun, we also had daily themes including sports day, tie dye day, hat day, silly sock day, and whacky hair day. Everyone had fun participating!

In addition to our Bible lessons, we had so much fun in music learning new songs and doing the motions. In craft class we made some really neat Egyptian themed crafts like beaded head bands and collars, hieroglyphic book marks, woven baskets, and a beautiful cross. In rec we played

Egyptian themed games like “Pharaoh says”, and also a traditional favorite “drip drip drop”.

And of course we can’t forget our awesome snacks! We had cookies that looked like spiders, hummus and veggies, “Pharaoh septors” fruit kebabs, and “Red Sea” cups. So delicious!

For our offering project we collected jars of peanut butter and jelly for the pbj project. We collected 18 jars of each! Our monetary offering was for the Church of the Brethren’s South Sudan Initiative. We were so excited to collect \$400! The congregation also contributed on VBS Sunday, and we ended up collecting a total of \$795!!!



Small Talk

by: Kathy Moyer



The big yellow buses have returned to our roads with eager students on board, which means it's time for us to open our Wee Folk doors again, too! All is in readiness for welcoming the children for our first day of school on Monday, September 8. Parents will accompany their children for an orientation day to better acquaint themselves with our classroom, as well as work together on planned activities and decorate a new tote-bag to use for school.

While Heather and I have been busy preparing our classroom for the start of a new school year, we have seen some of you busy at work on the playground spreading a mountain of new playground mulch! We are thankful to Bryce and the Stewardship Team for seeing to this and keeping everything in good condition for the children. Not only do they exercise their muscles outside, they learn important social skills, as well.

Our families much enjoyed last week's Back-to-School Family Picnic at the pavilion, with good attendance on a beautiful summer night! Along with our Committee Members we were so happy to have Pastor Tim on hand to welcome everyone and to share the bounty of his garden; and Marge Hendricks, who enjoyed seeing all the children, especially those who are close to her heart. Each family brought their own picnic supper and we provided ice cream treats for dessert. What a nice way to make new acquaintances and kick-off the start of the new school year!

Our theme in September will take us on an Under the Stars Camping

Adventure! Our climber has been replaced by a camping tent, complete with "campfire," lantern, and everything we need for s'more fun! We will be reading about some favorite story friends, like Curious George, Llama Llama, and Pete the Cat, to hear about their camping adventures. This unit will also find us learning about fireflies, and some of the animals who live in woodland settings. Our puppet theater is sheltering a furry raccoon, skunk, mouse, opossum, hedgehog, and squirrel, for more hands-on experiences! Crafts will include making a star-gazing telescope, glow-in-the-dark fireflies, a "Jesus is my guide" compass, and a light-up lantern.

We hope you will save the date for this year's Fall Fest Fundraiser to be held in the Fellowship Hall on October 17 & 18. Hearing that some of you like to get on with your Saturday yard sale shopping early, we want to make that available! Much like last year's event, there will be a bake sale, food and beverages, children's games, as well as vendors, crafters, and yard sale tables. Please help us spread the word and think about how you can help! Advertising posters and more information will soon be available for you to pick up in the Narthex.

The fee to rent an 8-foot table is \$25.00. You can reserve your table by contacting us at:

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Heather and I eagerly look forward to all the new beginnings and opportunities ahead. We thank you for the ongoing ways you offer support to our program, as well as the encouragement you provide to us personally.



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3	Carol-Joyce Anton	4	Art Derstine
10	Janette Steward	11	Erica Godshall
11	Robin Whetstone	13	Diane Moyer
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Spot 10 differences

