To our church family and our community...

In consideration of the public health concerns related to COVID19, we have decided we will not be hosting live worship services until it is safe to resume.

Please know that this decision is not made out of fear, but out of love and concern for each other and for the communities in which we live.

During this time away from our building, we invite you to join our church leadership in seeking new ways to strengthen our connections with one another, our care for one another, and our care for our neighbors. And together, let’s seek new ways to deepen our trust in the faithfulness of our living and loving God!

Please keep closer eye on our Facebook page, our website, and your email for ways to stay connected.

Remember, God is a good and loving God and is bigger than anything we will face. That doesn’t mean that we won’t face difficult times. But we are promised that we will not face them alone. God will be with us as we continue to walk this road with both hearts and hands that are open to the opportunities around us to love and to serve in Jesus’ name.

**Important message from our Leadership Team:** During this time of suspended gatherings, we are encouraged to continue to support the financial needs of our church as we are able. Checks can be mailed to the church at any time. Mail will continue to be delivered and checked regularly. You may also contribute by direct deposit or Bill Pay. If you have any questions about these options, we can try to help you. Other options for online giving are being pursued and may be available in a few weeks.

**Thank you Indian Creek Church for the lovely lily that I received by my door on Easter!**  ~Valeria Kramer

**I wanted to thank the church for the tulips. They were beautiful, and I appreciate them very much.**  ~Marie Hill

Happy Spring! It’s time to walk and support COBYS! This year’s Family Fun Walk will be a little different. We will Walk Where You Are on or around May 3rd.

The following people have communicated their intention to walk for this year’s fundraiser:

Darlene and Don Ziegler
Donna, Nathan and Leyahna Stevens
Donna Parcell
Susan Keiper
Pam and Kevin Bedell
Pam, Glenn, Alicia, Brydon and Jadon Bateman
Reba, Mark and Noah Baliles

Our church has set a goal of raising $1500. You may contact any (or all) of our walkers to make a pledge. Or you may donate by credit card and name the person(s) you are sponsoring by using our ICCOB crowd-funding page http://weblink.donorperfect.com/COBYSFamilyServices/WalkWhereYouAre/IndianCreekChurchoftheBrethren.

If you have questions or need printed information and sponsor sheets, please contact Kevin Bedell.

It is time to update our subscriptions to MESSENGER, the Church of the Brethren monthly magazine! If you are not getting a subscription, but would like to, (or if you would like to cancel the subscription you have been receiving) please let Linda in the church office know by Wednesday, May 6th. Thank you!

**NOTE:** Articles for the May issue of Ripples are due in the church office this Wednesday, April 29th. Thanks!
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Food insecurity is at an all-time high! Keystone is adapting our processes as fast as we can in order to meet this challenge. Please help us with your generous contribution of extra food to help stock our shelves, or financial donations to help us keep going in these challenging times.

We have identified a safe method to receive food donations, which will be open weekly every Monday.

**WHERE:**
Keystone's Offsite Storage Facility on Duke Alley
From Main Street, turn up the hill onto Central Ave, take a left onto Duke Alley which is the alley between Main and Railroad. Look for the Keystone signs/staff.

**WHEN:**
Mondays (beginning April 27)
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Safety procedures:
- Please wear a mask
- Pull up in front of the facility on Duke Ave (do not go to food pantry)
- Stay in your car until directed to disembark
- Carry your donations into the building
- Place them where directed
- Return to your car
- To keep the system contactless, all donations will be considered anonymous, nothing will be weighed, and no thank you letters will be sent.

**Immediate Needs:**
- Cereal & Oatmeal
- Pancake Mix (complete)
- Pancake Syrup
- Canned Fruit in juice
- Meals in a Can: (ravioli, beefaroni, Spaghettios w/meatballs)
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Soup
- Beans: all varieties
- Canned meats: tuna, chicken, ham, salmon
- Laundry Soap