



Empire Church of the Brethren

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Every Sunday

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Informal Worship in Song: 10:45 am

Worship 11:00 am



Vern Shafer with a new pace maker

Seth Lutes having shoulder surgery

Michael with pancreatic cancer

Michael's partner Kelly, for sobriety

Vance Shafer treatment for skin cancers

David & Evy Hurlbut

Wanda Bollinger-the loss of her son, Jeff

Those in care facilities: Phyllis Caudle-Ruby

Mary Raridan Glenn Stanford

Don and Pat Benton

July 2025 Church Calendar	
<i>Fellowship Singers meets Thursdays at 4:15pm</i>	
July 1	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
July 2	Food Delivery Day 8am
July 4	Happy 4th of July (no First Friday Fellowship Meal)
July 5	Heaven's Bounty Open
July 8	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
July 13	Red White and Blue Luncheon
July 15	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm
July 17	Church Board Meeting
July 18	Friday Fellowship Dinner Out 5:00pm
July 22	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
July 25	Shed Work Day 9:00am
July 25-30	Family Camp—Camp Peaceful Pines
July 27	All Church Sunday Luncheon
July 31— Aug. 3	Youth Camp—Camp Peaceful Pines



National Night Out
Tuesday, August 5
5-6:30 p.m.

Church Parking Lot/Lawn

Super Nachos, Drinks and Ice Cream

Plan to come and join the fun!

Invite a neighbor or friend!



July Birthdays

- 1 Bailey Price
- 2 Natasha Towe
- 6 Glen Stanford
- 13 Pat Shafer
- 17 Jen Baker
- 18 Carolyn Trent
- Sheryle Knott
- 20 Pam Franklin
- 24 Cynthia Welch
- 29 Veronica Suderman



July Anniversaries

- 20 Roger & Cynthia Welch
- 28 Skip & Kathleen Powell

May 2025 STATISTICS

Average

Worship Attendance: 23

Giving Local: \$4,172.00

Other: \$ 330.90

Total: \$4,502.90

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Let's be PRESENT in our neighborhood!

Let's be JESUS to our neighbor!

Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.



2025 Monthly Prayer Calendar (praying each Sunday morning for Pastor John)	
Remember as you pray for the folks listed to include their families, children & grandchildren	
Day	Pray for:
1	Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano
2	Molly Arellano Elaine Azevedo Ben & Jen Baker
3	Ken Barklow Don & Pat Benton Pauline Bert
4	Michael Best Wanda Bollinger Earl Boyd
5	Earleen Cadruvi Ron Cadruvi Linda Carter & Ivy
6	Phyllis Caudle Arlene Cupp Deanna Dixon
7	Chuck & Wendla Dyer Jim & Sue Eikenberry John Elness
8	Kenny Fox Pam & Phil Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz
9	Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman
10	Thom & Patricia Guthrie Clark Hartman David & Evelyn Hurlbut
11	Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut Jay Irizarry Sheryle Knott
12	Chery Leib Baji Lutes Norma Lutes
13	Seth Lutes Gerri Masellis Ric Mason
14	Jose & Floriceta Merlos Hillary Merlos Suzanne Neptune
15	Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish
16	Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson Oscar Phan
17	Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price Jeremy & Erica Price
18	Joel & Susan Price Hannah Price Sam Price
19	John Price Jonah & Morgan Price Nathan & Kim Price
20	Wyatt Price Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe
21	Mary Rariden Lana Royer Keith Shafer
22	Vance & Maria Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh
23	Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder Glenn Stanford
24	Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca
25	Jonathan Vacca Matt & Alexis Vacca Linda Vargo
26	Linda Ward Roger & Cynthia Welch Josh & Heather Winchester
27	Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny & Erica Wyatt
28	Brad Slayter Modesto CoB Waterford CoB
29	Pastors/Churches in Pacific Southwest District Camp Peaceful Pines
30	Church Board Members Food Pantry Recipients
31	Heaven's Bounty Ministry

FOOTNOTES: 1. www.brethren.org/ac/statements/1970-war
www.brethren.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2001-september-11-aftermath.pdf
2. www.brethren.org/ac/statements/2011-resolution-on-the-war-in-afghanistan
3. www.brethren.org/ac/statements/2004-iraq
4. www.brethren.org/ac/statements/2006-resolution-on-an-end-to-the-war-in-iraq
5. www.brethren.org/ac/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2021/12/2021-Vision-Statement.pdf
6. www.brethren.org/ac/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2021/12/2021-Vision-Statement.pdf

Church of the Brethren Newslite

June 25, 2025

"Pursue peace with everyone" (Hebrews 12:14a).

In response to the United States bombing of three Iranian nuclear facilities early on Sunday, June 22, 2025, the Church of the Brethren expresses deep concern and issues a call for the peaceful resolution of conflict.

For more than three centuries, the Church of the Brethren has opposed war, consistently proclaiming that "war or any participation in war is wrong and incompatible with the spirit, example and teachings of Jesus Christ" ("1970 Church of the Brethren Statement on War") (1).

This was reflected, for example, in our responses to the war in Afghanistan, including the General Board's "Resolution on the Events and Aftermath of September 11, 2001" (2) and the 2011 Annual Conference "Resolution on the War in Afghanistan" (3), and Annual Conference resolutions opposing the war in Iraq in 2004 (4) and 2006 (5).

Now, in this moment, the Church of the Brethren again expresses its opposition to military action that risks involving the United States in a larger conflict in the Middle East—a conflict that could invite involvement by other nuclear powers and exact catastrophic human costs.

The acts of war carried out by the US military this past weekend were not provoked by military action against our country. We call for the immediate de-escalation of this conflict. We encourage Church of the Brethren members to join with denominational staff in contacting congressional representatives to advocate for peace.

Considering our denomination's 2021 Compelling Vision Statement that called individuals and congregations alike to be "Jesus in the Neighborhood" (6), we encourage Brethren to share the peace witness in our own communities. This is a time to declare that a commitment to peace is an expression of faithful Christian discipleship, and to demonstrate that commitment by serving and meeting human needs in our neighborhoods.

We also invite church members and congregations to offer Christian caring to Iranian Americans and others from Middle Eastern backgrounds, as well as local Jewish and Muslim faith communities, who may be feeling anxiety or even fear. We may find this national and international crisis to be an opportunity to build and nurture respectful relationships among neighbors. In the Beatitudes, Jesus told his followers, *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."* (Matt.5:9).

Later in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus urged Christians to renounce revenge and love enemies (Matt. 5:38-48). In Romans 12:17-21 the Apostle Paul counseled, *"If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. . . Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."*

These are just a few of the Bible verses urging believers to *"seek peace and pursue it"* (Psalm 34:14b).

In these troubled, violent times, we call on world leaders to pursue peace, and we recommit the Church of the Brethren to do the same.

David A. Steele, General Secretary, Church of the Brethren