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June/July 2019

# Fairview Church of the Brethren

**Graduates honored this past month: Garrett Pace—8th grade**

**Lisa Myers**—received a diploma in Medical billing/coding in 2015. She followed that up with an Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology in 2016. Then received her Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management in March 2019. My original plan was to work as a remote biller/coder. After 400 hours of professional experience I decided that I wanted to be an auditor. I am currently studying for my Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) credential, which I can take at Indian Hills in Ottumwa. I need to be credentialed to work in my chosen field. Since I may need to travel a lot Mike and I are looking into buying an RV.

**Sarah Mason Finished her Masters degree**-There is a really nice article in the Northern Plains Newsletter about the Mason's move. Check it out: <https://nplains.org/2019/05/01/district-news-announcements-may-2019/>

**New Address:** Levi, Sarah, Miriam and Titus Mason  
1644 170th St., Marion, KS 66861

**Annual Conference** July 3-5  
Greensboro, NC

Pastor Sharon is our delegate, Pastor Diane is attending the Mission and Ministry Board.

**Connect with webcasts at:** <https://us4.campaign-archive.com/?u=fe053219fdb661c00183423ef&id=e2fa24036b>



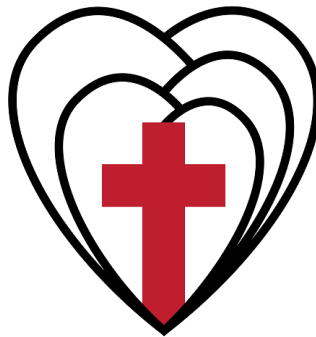
**June Birthdays**

- 2 Kayla Bryant
- 12 Colton Hanes
- 12 Lisa Myers
- 14 Ronnie Mason
- 18 Dean Penner

**July Birthdays**

- 9 Doss Potter
- 14 Levi Mason
- 20 Brenda Bryant
- 26 Dick Burger
- 27 Judy Lunkley

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COMMANDED APPOINTED  
CHOSEN

## District Conference

August 2-4, 2019 in Cedar Rapids, IA

During the District Conference they will be collecting donations for missions in the Cedar Rapids area. They will be collecting canned goods, and donations for helping a homeless family or making more diapers for Haiti. Registration can be done online.

I heard this this past week and thought you might appreciate it also. Emily

### **Leaving the City of Regret**

I had not really planned on taking a trip this time of year, and yet I found myself packing rather hurriedly. This trip was going to be unpleasant, and I knew in advance that no real good would come of it. I'm talking about my annual "Guilt Trip."

I got tickets to fly there on Wish I Had airlines. It was an extremely short flight.

I got my baggage, which I could not check. I chose to carry it myself all the way. It was weighted down with a thousand memories of what might have been.

No one greeted me as I entered the terminal to the Regret City International Airport. I say international because people from all over the world come to this dismal town.

As I checked into the Last Resort Hotel, I noticed that they would be hosting the year's most important event, the Annual Pity Party. I wasn't going to miss that great social occasion. Many of the town's leading citizens would be there.

First, there would be the Done family, you know, Should Have, Would Have and Could Have.

Then came the I Had family. You probably know ol' Wish and his clan.

Of course, the Opportunities would be present, Missed and Lost.

The biggest family would be the Yesterday's. There are far too many of them to count, but each one would have a very sad story to share.

Then Shattered Dreams would surely make an appearance. And It's Their Fault would regale us with stories (excuses) about how things had failed in his life, and each story would be loudly applauded by Don't Blame Me and I Couldn't Help It.

Well, to make a long story short, I went to this depressing party knowing that there would be no real benefit in doing so. And, as usual, I became very depressed.

But as I thought about all of the stories of failures brought back from the past, it occurred to me that all of this trip and subsequent "pity party" could be cancelled by ME!

I started to truly realize that I did not have to be there. I didn't have to be depressed. One thing kept going through my mind, I CAN'T CHANGE YESTERDAY, BUT I DO HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE TODAY A WONDERFUL DAY.

I can be happy, joyous, fulfilled, encouraged, as well as encouraging. Knowing this, I left the City of Regret immediately and left no forwarding address.

Am I sorry for mistakes I've made in the past? YES! But there is no physical way to undo them.

So, if you're planning a trip back to the City of Regret, please cancel all your reservations now.

Instead, take a trip to a place called, Starting Again. I liked it so much that I have now taken up permanent residence there.

My neighbors, the I Forgive Myselfs and the New Starts are so very helpful. By the way, you don't have to carry around heavy baggage because the load is lifted from your shoulders upon arrival.

**God bless you in finding this great town.** If you can find it, it's in your own heart.

Please look me up. I live on I Can Do It street.

~by Larry Harp~

So thankful that we have Christ who takes our sins, and forgives us. Let Christ take all the burden and help us not take this trip.

God knows

The when, the where, the why, and the how.

So show up. Do your part, and then let go and trust Him to do the rest.



## Ice Cream Social and Gospel Music Jam Session

Join us Sunday evening, June 30, at 5:00 p.m. for a fun-filled evening of gospel music and yummy homemade ice cream. Darrell Koehler and Friends will be providing the music with you being able to join in the jam session as well. Plans are for us to meet in the picnic shelter. Feel free to bring lawn chairs if that is more comfortable for you than the picnic tables. In the event of bad weather we will move inside.



We'll be inviting our church neighbors to fellowship with us, so we'd appreciate your help providing the ice cream and toppings. Be looking for a sign-up sheet soon. Also, **we will be kicking off a collection for canned goods at this event continuing through the month of July to be given to the Lord's Cupboard.**

## National Older Adult Conference Scholarship

At the recent District Board meeting the decision was made to provide a scholarship of \$195 for registration at the National Older Adult Conference which would cover early registration fees by July 15. If this could make the difference for you or someone you know to attend, contact Pastor Dave Kerkove (davekerkove@gmail.com) at the South Waterloo Church of the Brethren.

You would still have costs for food, travel, and housing. The NOAC is September 2-6 for folks at least 50 years old at Lake Junaluska in western North Carolina. More information is available at [www.brethren.org/noac](http://www.brethren.org/noac). First-time attendees get a \$20 discount.

## June 9-Bring Your Tractor to Church

A lot to pack in a special day! It will start with as many as possible bringing their tractors to church. The message will be given by Dale Brinegar. We will have the service in the Picnic Shelter. Come and celebrate the day with us!

**Father's Day June 16**—As you arrive there will be donuts to celebrate Dad's, all Dad's and father figures. Kids need all of us to love all of them.

**June 30 - Baptism and communion service at Lake Wapello**—more details will be in the bulletin as the date comes closer.



## Buckets, Buckets, Buckets

Between the collection at church, the matching, the Moulton-Udell bake sale donation \$4461 was the total.

Supplies for 60 buckets were bought on line after many hours by Pastor Diane. Kids went to Ottumwa and bought supplies for 7 more. Then the group returned to church to assemble those 6 and start the other 60 buckets. Some supplies had not arrived yet so they are

not finished as of today. We are hoping some will be able to help final assembly on Father's Day Sunday after lunch. Thanks for all the support in this project! Over 60 buckets is amazing and will help many families that really need these supplies!



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SO BE TRULY GLAD.  
THERE IS WONDERFUL JOY AHEAD.

EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE TO ENDURE  
MANY TRIALS FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

1 PETER 1:6



### **Following Jesus as a Priesthood of Believers – Fairview Newsletter, June/July 2019**

In 1 Peter 2, we read that every Christian is a “priest,” thus the Church of the Brethren believes that at the time of baptism every member is called to some ministry as they **Follow Jesus**. Since the Brethren believe in this “priesthood of believers,” we all have an important role to play in the church.

We all have work to do for God. Everyone has a different gift for the church and none is better than another. In the Church of the Brethren, all members care for the ministries of the church – from spiritual (like preaching and teaching) to outreach (like delivering supplies and rebuilding after disasters) to the practical (like cleaning and maintaining our meeting space). All members share in the decision-making at our Council meetings, too, rather than receive directives from a hierarchy. This is true locally and on a larger scale with other congregations in our denomination with whom we have a covenant of brotherhood where such decisions are made at District and Annual Conferences.

Bernie Fuska is a Brethren pastor who left his training for the priesthood in a Catholic seminary. He writes, “Brethren have always believed that we do not need to wait for a priest or minister to come and pray for us. We can do that with each other. This theme also carries over into our understanding of Bible study and spiritual life. We still need individuals who are called to ‘set-apart’ ministry. But we should never mislead ourselves or others into thinking that only set-apart ministers can do ‘spiritual’ things in the church.”

For example, in some traditions, the priest or bishop must recite special words over the bread and cup of the Eucharist to make the wine and the bread holy so when their parishioners eat and drink it, this holiness will enter into them. Brethren believe that it is not the bread and the cup themselves which make us holy, but rather when the believers are united in the Love of Christ, participation in the bread and the cup becomes a holy experience.

“The ordinance of communion in which we participate symbolizes our unity in Christ [with] other believers across the centuries and around the world. Just as many grains of wheat and many individual grapes come together to form the bread and the cup, so too the people of God, from many places and backgrounds, are made into one church, the body of Christ.” (*For All Who Minister*, p. 249) As we participate in communion, we renew our commitment to **Follow Jesus’** example of sacrificial love.

We don’t watch others be ‘Christian’ for us; we share equally in being Christ’s body in this world.

#### **June Verse of the Month: 1 Peter 2:9**

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

#### **July Verse of the Month: 1 Corinthians 11:26**

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”