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Newsletter of the Huntington Church of the Brethren

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... by love, serve one another

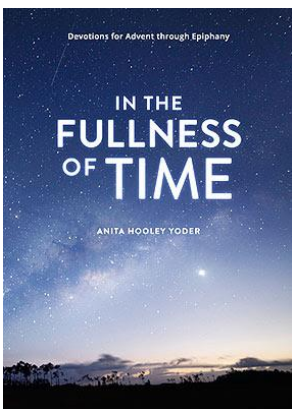
Men's Breakfast: 8:00 AM Saturday, Dec. 5.
Book Swap: 10:00 AM-Noon Saturday, Dec. 5.
Thursday, Dec. 17, 6:00-7:30 PM.
Ministry Team: 6:30 PM Tuesday, Dec. 8.
Deacon's Meeting: 9:00 AM Sunday, Dec. 13.

New Address: Barb Wood: 205 E. Park Dr., #106,
Huntington, IN 46750

Christmas Eve Candle Light and Communion Service: Join us Dec. 24 at 7:00 for this meaningful annual service and bring your friends and family.

Thank you: We had a special celebration of Norma Jean Baker's life among us recently and she sent along this thank you note: "I want to thank everyone for such a wonderful day Sunday was for me. What a surprise, to have all my family and friends there to share it with me. Thanks for the beautiful cake, card and gift. When I move I will miss all of my wonderful friends and especially my church home. Thanks again."

Attention, High School Youth: Each year the Church of the Brethren sponsors a Christian Citizenship Seminar. It provides high school aged students the chance to explore the relationship between faith and a particular political issue, and then act from a faith perspective regarding that issue. The seminar is held in Washington DC and New York City. Last year's theme was on connections between immigration and faith. This year's seminar will be April 23-28, 2016.



Advent: The advent season starts on November 29. We will do the Hanging of the Greens on that Sunday. There are booklets of daily Advent devotionals on the table in the Narthex if you would like one.

Hope Market: After church on December 13

there will be an opportunity to buy some gifts (think Christmas) that benefit those in our world who are in the greatest need. Some of these are physical gifts made by people living in poverty or rescued from slavery. Others are gifts that can be given in someone's name, to benefit an organization that works to end poverty in the world.

Custodial duties: The Ministry Team is looking for someone to "shadow" Paul in his custodial duties and learn about what is needed as well as helping out. If you are interested, please see Dean or Tim.

Council meeting report: Thanks to all who stayed after a potluck, heard reports and helped call leadership. A budget recommended by the Ministry Team for next year was adopted with an amendment to add to a line item for Youth Activities Fund. It was decided to hold down the requests for special offerings to four next year and concentrate our efforts on those four. Leadership being called included three new officers. They are, Andrew Wolfe, treasurer; Gloria Holley, financial secretary; and Charlotte Elzey, clerk.

Mentor Program: If you are a youth 12 years old or older we have a program that matches you with an older adult of your choice for a year. You would meet with your mentor once a month for activities you both would enjoy and learn from. For more details, please see our Mentor Coordinator, Laura Summers.

Love INC: Our goal for December is 40 items of vegetables.

Quote of the week: "If we want to call ourselves Christians, to just be Christians, then we must model our lives and our attitudes after Christ. The very name "Christian" is defined as being Christ-like. Living a Christ-like life can be uncomfortable and uneasy. To walk with the disenfranchised and give comfort to the afflicted, is sometimes uncomfortable. And yet, we are also called to be Just Christians, and seek and provide justice whenever and wherever it is appropriate. Providing justice is neither comfortable nor easy. But since when did being a Christian mean comfort and ease?" *Eric Bishop, moderator of Pacific Southwest District, COB*

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