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President's Column . . . James Marek Being the Hands

Not far from our house is a very nice sports complex. The complex has numerous ball fields that attract huge crowds almost every weekend for youth baseball and softball tournaments. The sports complex brings many people and a great amount of money to the businesses in our community and provides a



place for many young people to enjoy participating in sports. Sports complexes like the one in our hometown are increasingly more common, as is the reality that sporting events are often held on Sunday mornings. I have participated in more than one conversation where the participants complained about games being held on Sundays and how bad it is that these events take families – especially young people, away from Sunday School and Church. We have reminisced how when we were young Sundays and Wednesdays were church days and sporting events were never

scheduled on those days. To my knowledge, none of these conversations have ever led to anything positive, other than to identify an obvious problem. One that affects the church and the family.

Several weeks ago, our pastor announced that a new outreach effort had been started in our community. The outreach was being carried out by the widow of a Lutheran pastor in our community. The lady's first name is Grace. Grace is at least in her late 70s, if not early 80s, and she has felt called to bring Sunday School to the sports complex. I saw her in the bank one day and asked her how she manages to pull this outreach ministry off each Sunday. With a smile on her face she said, "I take a battery powered DVD player and the rest of my stuff and I pile it in a wheelchair and push it across the grounds. People usually come rushing up to me and



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ask me if they can help. I then tell them what I am doing and invite them to the Sunday School class. She said, "People see an older lady pushing a wheelchair and feel sorry for me. I use that to recruit my students." She went on to say that she believed that the churches of tomorrow would be in ball parks and other places that people enjoy visiting.

When Grace told me her story, I was inspired, amazed, humbled, and embarrassed. What a wonderful idea and solution Grace has put into action. While I had just exhibited a keen sense for the obvious and complained about baseball games being played on Sunday, Grace had seen the problem as an opportunity and moved to

answer God's call. In other words, I was just a nose – detecting a problem but doing nothing to solve it. Grace, on the other hand, has become the hands necessary to reach people "where they are". I have often said, the church needs more hands than it does noses – Grace has moved past the talk and actually done something to address a need by serving people.

I heard someone say that Christianity is not so much about bringing people to Christ as it is bringing Christ to the people. Thank God for "hands" like Grace. If you have a ball park in your area that hosts games on Sunday and have complained about it, maybe God is calling you to be a Grace in your community.

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Summary of the Minutes from the Spring Synodical Committee Meeting April 5, 2014

To view the minutes from the April 5, 2014, Synodical Committee meeting in their entirety, please go to the Unity Website, click calendar – see April 5, 2014. The attachments that are mentioned in the following summary are also on the website.

1. Pre-Meeting Time of Prayer

This time of prayer was led by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell in the Old Classroom Main Building from 8:30 a.m.-9 a.m. (see attached report Agenda #1 – Prayer Guide).

President James Marek called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. James opened with prayer. There were 49 people in attendance (see attached Roll Call) as follows:

VOTING MEMBERS: Pastors (12):
 Jim Heckman, David Johnson, Larry Koslovsky, Mark Labaj, Vanessa Mitchell, Joseph Polasek, Kay Polasek, Nello Strickland, Ron Winsman, Lawrence Junek, Mike Groseclose, Jerry Terrill.

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Robert Schlechte; Ocker – Robin Brinkley; Rosenberg – Alice Kocurek; Temple – Gayle Farrow; West – Dorothy Kocian; Taylor – James Marek; Fayetteville – Liz Ripple; Wall – Dewyan Weise; Nelsonville – Dan Merz.

Non-Voting: Ministerial student – Tim Chaplin.

Visitors: Joyce Baletka, Barbara Junek, Dr. Louise Terrill, Dirks Wood, Eugene Haisler, Barbara Poulter, Grace Labaj, Dorothy Strickland, Jodie & Jeanette Vasek, Alice Chlappek, Kelly Chaplin, Katy, Bruce & Ian Chaplin (children of Tim & Kelly), Nancy Weise, Jon Farrow, Dorothy Milberger, Cathleen Schlechte, Kent Laza, Wiley Marx, Ben Polasek.

2. Devotional – Rev Dr. Mark Labaj

Dr. Labaj was recently in Israel and was inspired by his pilgrimage. He spoke about the Sermon on the Mount, The Beatitudes from Matt. 5: 3-10. He said words are powerful and your life can change by just saying 2 words – "I do." The beatitudes are not commands, they are declarations, blessings – and they bring the future into



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the present, they make what is going to happen real for now. We need to have vision to see the possibilities. Spiritual disciplines practiced include service, sacrifice, Bible reading, meditation, prayer and pilgrimage – going to a place where God did something special for an individual such as the Hus Encampment. Sometimes we need to clean our spiritual glasses and try to see things not as they are, but as they can be. All joined in singing 3 verses of “Just as I am.”

3. The Unity Prayer was read by President Marek.

“Holy Spirit, as in the past you united different men and women and made them one, so bring us together in a oneness that celebrates our diversity of talent and ability. May our personalities blend in a superb harmony, as, laying our egos aside, we learn to prefer one another and to delight in encouraging the gifts we see in others. Let there be no star temperament, no prima donna behavior among us, but a sense of ensemble, as we try to be as anonymous as possible so that you can shine through our efforts to the glory of Christ. And when all is done may we

be in the wings and HE in the spotlight, taking center stage and receiving all the applause! Holy Spirit, you who are fully God and yet so anonymous, hide us that we may reveal Him. Amen.”

4. Announcements

The Hus School Celebration – April 26; the State BYF Fishing Retreat – May 2-4 (over 20 youth are expected to attend the fishing retreat); Representation to the Northern Province Synod – we will not have a representative this year but we hope to have someone attend in the future. Rev Jimmy Hejl is attending the Southern Province Synod that is being held this weekend in Black Mountain, North Carolina; Rev Henry Beseda Jr. Golf Tournament to benefit Unity missions – May 5; Website Committee Work Update – looking at a total re-design of the website. Ben Polasek has been serving as the webmaster for free for the past 15 years and now wants to step down; Mission Giving Update/ Individual and Congregational Statistics – included in the President’s Report (see attached Agenda #11-a);

By-Laws update – a document with all the revisions from the 65th

convention is now available on the website; copies for each church will be available at the fall meeting.

5. Mission Board Reports

HOME MISSIONS – Cade Lade: Report given by Bro. Jim Heckman – bank account has more than \$6,000. Most of this comes from a gift. There are some repair issues with the building; workdays are proposed for May 15, 16, 17. They are sending 9 kids on the BYF fishing trip; they have had fundraisers to help pay for this and summer camp.

Bro. David Johnson (Home Missions Chair) – Home Missions is more than Cade Lake, it’s the fruit of the local congregations, and at its heart is love and compassion; pleaded for congregations to come alive; encouraged all to build the Kingdom, not just their church.

FOREIGN MISSIONS – report given by Kent Laza (Chair): Kent gave a brief update on the missionaries – Pastor Pavel & Stanya Kozak – (Czech Rep.) their van was stolen and need to find a replacement; Michael & Caroline Woo – (SE Asia) are expecting a baby girl; Phil & Eunice Raiford – (Southern Mexico) with their 6-month old baby; Rob & Anne Thiessen – (Mexico) their daughter is in college, son in high school; Carolyn Groseclose – (Africa). Peggy Hejl & Tammy Ritmeyer are interested in making a mission trip to Africa in 2015, please send comments to Kent if you would be interested in going with them.

We have a seat on the Board of World Missions. Kent attended the meeting they had last weekend and they are very happy to have us be



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active again. Kent questioned our role on this board and what we are going to be doing – we don't give them any money anymore, but they want us to participate. He reported on the money collected last year for Foreign Missions; another budget will be proposed in the fall, we will really need to look at this – currently, the giving is down.

6. Examination of Tim Chaplin for Ministerial License – to be able to administer to the congregation communion, baptism, and marriage.

Tim has been serving the Temple church for about 1 year in different capacities. He is in his second year at Truett Theological Seminary with about 2 years to go. The Examining Board is the Synodical Committee presently directed by Rev. Juneke, Rev. Groseclose, and Rev. Dr. Terrill. James read a note that was sent by Bro. Jimmy Hejl sending his regrets on not being at the meeting today and his report on Tim (see attached report Agenda #6). Bro. Jimmy is the Unity-designated mentor to Tim and he enthusiastically supports him. The Examining Board asked several questions in regard to his family, the

Brethren denomination, his position on infant and adult baptism and the Lord's supper, the by-laws, his education expenses (a ministerial loan has been extended to him with repayment according to the By-Laws). All non-voting members were asked to step out while the vote was taken; there were 26 voting members present. A MOTION made by Bro. Larry Koslovsky to issue a 1-year license according to the By-Laws to Tim Chaplin for a Pastoral ministry to the Temple Brethren Church passed unanimously. Marvin will try to get a Ministers Guidebook to Tim.

7. Discussion of Brethren Journal Future and Loan Repayment

Report given by Rev. Mike Groseclose. The projected income for this year is projected to be about \$29,000 and the expenses around \$26,000. Some of the excess would be used to pay down the \$7,000 loan. Discussion. The *Journal's* future was questioned and discussed. The committee did not have a recommendation, but thinks it is an important part of the Unity to continue, though it is under-utilized and we need to move with the electronic age. Financial re-

port submitted by Dorothy Milberger, Treasurer (see attached report Agenda #7). A MOTION made by Bro. Larry to put the *Journal* in a PDF format to be sent electronically, and have the congregations be responsible for those who want a printed copy failed by a 11-12 margin. President Marek will meet with the BJ committee and try to get a survey sent out to determine how many subscribers would be willing to take their *Brethren Journal* in electronic format.

8. Peggy Hejl (Taylor) and Debbie Clark (Crosby) were elected as representatives to the Board of Christian Education.

9. The Board of Christian Education and the Board of Grants and Bequests will be meeting soon.

10. President Marek spoke about a Permanent Administrative Position during lunch to put this idea in everyone's mind about considering a position like this. It would be a non-voting position, but would support the executive committee and serve to add continuity and consistent leadership as executive members move on and off the board.

11. Other Business

A MOTION made by Dorothy Hinson to give Ben Polasek \$2,500 as a gift of appreciation for his service as the webmaster for the last 15 years passed unanimously.

Paper reports presented:

James Marek – President's report (see attached Agenda #11-a);

Rev. Lawrence Juneke – First Vice-President's report (see attached Agenda #11-b);

Dewyan Weise – Treasurer's report (see attached Agenda #11-c);

Dan Merz – Financial Secretary report (see attached report Agenda #11-d);

Committee Chairperson form (see attached Agenda #11-e)

The meeting was dismissed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. Item #10 was mentioned by James during lunch. The meeting was adjourned after lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Ripple, Secretary
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Let's Take a Look at What the By-Laws Say....

- by Liz Ripple

By-Laws – why do we have them? I went to the internet for an answer and found that churches have by-laws to promote efficiency, to provide direction, to preserve unity and maintain its testimony (a church should agree on certain issues), and to protect itself from liability. While some people are not very interested in by-laws, they are an important part of the Unity and all churches should have their own by-laws.

The word “diligent” is used several times in our Constitution and By-Laws. What should we be diligent in doing? Let's take a look at what the by-laws say about it. The Unity Secretary has the responsibility to “diligently care for the Unity of the Brethren's official documents, books, etc.”, while the Unity treasurer is to be diligent with the Unity of the Brethren's funds. The following is stated in the Constitution, Article IV. Membership, paragraph 6:

“If one member is afflicted, the whole body suffers; therefore, every congregation and pastor in the Unity

of the Brethren should *diligently* labor for the welfare of the Unity of the Brethren, abide by its Constitution and By-Laws, fulfill the decisions of the Convention, materially support its work, and concern themselves with the discipline and spiritual growth of all members, so that congregations and pastors may become a blessing to their membership and a light to the whole community.”

In looking at the By-Laws from 1959 (the earliest version that I have), the wording in the paragraph above is almost identical to our document today. I hardly hear the word “afflicted” anymore, and if you didn't know, it means distressed. This paragraph is deep in content and meaning. To me it's saying that some things do not come easy and we – members and pastors – must work hard and be persistent in the work of Christ, and in doing so, we can be a light to everyone we meet.

Next time – how will next year's Unity of the Brethren convention be different than others?

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Malachi 3:8-10 “*Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ ‘In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse – your whole nation – because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”*

II Corinthians 8:3 “*For I testify that they gave as much as they were able and even beyond their ability”...*

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The Big Picture

- by Jim Pokorny

Some of the affirmations I appreciate most in life are those that come from my Sunday School students. As I write this we are well into our study of *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis. Whenever a student thanks me for introducing them to new material, I take it as far more than gratitude. I take it as an affirmation from God that I am doing what He wants me to do.

Of course, with this come several responsibilities. Among them are selecting the material ahead of time and becoming as familiar with it as is humanly possible. For me that means reading it several times and taking many notes along the way. Fortunately, I am an avid reader and consider this a joy.

I also have to admit to my students that I really do not feel as if I am the one selecting the material. What I am really doing is trusting God to lead me to it. That is certainly the case with the book I have chosen for our next study, *A History of the Moravian Church* by J. E. Hutton (1909). While browsing books on Amazon's website, I was quite surprised when I came

across this book while searching for another. Intrigued, I previewed the first chapter and was so taken with what I read that I immediately ordered copies for the class.

As I write this article in the month of May, I am only too aware of the fact that it will be July as you read it. July is the month in which we celebrate the life of John Hus, and one year from now will be the 600th anniversary of his martyrdom. It is with Hus that Hutton begins his historical narrative, and this is simply one more reason why I gratefully acknowledge God's guidance.

Hus lived in a time of political and religious turmoil, and the intrigues of both were hopelessly intertwined. The corruption that existed in each added fuel to the rising flames of popular dissent. As the writings of Wycliffe, the English reformer, came to the region, even more fuel was added to an already volatile mixture.

Hus had already been on the attack, speaking against the vices of the clergy. As he studied the works of Wycliffe and incorporated his thoughts

into his own sermons, the ground upon which he stood grew more unstable.

Wycliffe's works had already been deemed heretical and some 200 volumes of his books had already been publicly burned in Prague. Hus deliberately put himself even further in harm's way. He knew only too well that he, too, could be deemed a heretic in the eyes of man if he continued to write and preach that which he so earnestly believed.

Hus never flinched and remained true to both his faith and his personal convictions.

The Council at Constance was called and Hus was promised three things if he attended.

Hus was to be granted safe passage. He was to be given a free hearing. Finally, he was promised that if he did not agree with the Council's decision, he would be allowed to return home. History tells us that only the first promise was kept.

Upon arrival Hus was arrested and placed in a dungeon next to a sewer for over three months, and then transferred to a drafty tower of a castle on Lake Geneva.

When brought before the Council,

the state of his physical health had deteriorated. Hus now suffered from neuralgia. His face was pale and his arms and legs trembled. Yet, the light in his eyes still shined brightly.

The outcome of the hearing, if one were to be generous enough to call it that, had already been determined and Hus was declared guilty. Hus knelt and his prayer for his persecutors was as sincere as it was beautiful.

"Lord Jesus Christ," he said, "pardon all my enemies, I pray Thee, for the sake of Thy great mercy! Thou knowest they have falsely accused me, brought forward false witnesses and false articles against me. O! Pardon them for Thine infinite mercies' sake."

A ceremony of degradation then took place. Even the method in which his hair was to be sheared was a source of contention. Some demanded a razor while others clamored for scissors.

"See," said Hus to the King, "the Bishops cannot agree in their blasphemy."

The scissors eventually won out, and afterward Hus was forced to wear a fool's cap a yard high with a picture of devils tearing at his soul.

"Most joyfully," said Hus, "will I wear this crown of shame for thy sake, O! Jesus, who for me didst wear a crown of thorns."

As he was led in chains to the place where he was to be burned, the procession passed a street in which his books were already ablaze. History records that Hus smiled as they passed.

Hus was burned at the stake July



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16, 1415. As the fire was lit, Hus began to pray, "Jesu, Son of David, have mercy upon me..." At this point the flames reached his face and the great voice so loved by the people was heard for the final time.

Yet Hus was just the first chapter of many chapters in our history.

There were chapters about other men. Men like Peter of Chelcic, Gregory the Patriarch, Luke of Prague, and John Augusta to name but a few.

There were chapters about places. Places like Kunwald, Leitomischl, Jungbunzlau and Lissa.

There were chapters about persecution and lies. Lies like when a man joined the Brethren the devil taught him how to read.

There were chapters about the downfall, the arrest of 47 in one night and the Day of Blood at Prague.

There were chapters about being forced to take sides in a civil war, of being forced to choose exile over conversion, and of having to obey the rules of the lands that took them in.

But scattered among the darkest nights there were some glorious dawns.

There were chapters about what the children were taught. They were taught The Apostles' Creed, the Ten

Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Eight Beatitudes, the "Six Commandments" of the Sermon on the Mount and the epistles of St. John.

There were chapters about victories. Victories like the Golden Age, the Kralitz Bible, and the "Lamb and Flag" seal.

There were chapters about the glowing remarks made by Luther, Bucer, Calvin, and Melancthon.

And of course, there was the chapter about John Amos Comenius. Comenius was the last Bishop of the Bohemian Brethren, theologian, author and The Father of Modern Education.

With the Thirty Years War his home was pillaged, his many books and manuscripts burned. He endured the loss of his wife and child. It was at this dark hour that he wrote the classic allegory, *The Labyrinth of the World and the Paradise of the Heart*, which my class has studied and I cannot recommend to you highly enough. It was Comenius who led the Brethren exiles to Lissa in Poland.

And this is merely the first third of Hutton's history. As I write this I have just begun to study the revival under Count Zinzendorf.

As I conclude, I wish to leave you with these very personal and parting thoughts.

You and I are but a small part of a wonderful tapestry that God continues to weave today. As such, we are simply a small part of a much larger and wondrously beautiful picture. God has graciously given us a remarkable heritage, and ours is a very rich history which still has chapters waiting to be written.

One of the themes that I see recurring time and again throughout our history is that we have always been misunderstood. The same holds true today. It is only when we study our history that we really understand where we came from and, consequently, who we are.

As we better understand these things, we are better able to visualize the vast untapped potential we have at our disposal.

As we peel back the layers of time, we can easily see that God was with

us at each and every turn in our story.

We can see that whenever someone tried to forever close the door on us, God was there to open a new door for us.

What was said of the church in Philadelphia in the book of Revelation can also apply to us.

Revelation 3:8 (NET) – *"I know your deeds. (Look! I have put in front of you an open door that no one can shut.) I know that you have little strength, but you have obeyed My word and have not denied My name."*

We see that God has preserved us not only for a purpose, He preserved us for His purpose.

While some churches bicker about what sets them apart, our motto rings with unmistakable clarity.

In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things, love.

And, beyond this, our standing order remains unchanged.

Our Lamb has conquered. Let us follow Him!

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Welcome

Hus Memorial School 1924-1944

- by James L. "Jim" Hejl

The Hus Memorial School was originally organized as a much-needed training program for Sunday School teachers, held annually in various Brethren churches. The 1924 class was scheduled to meet in Temple, despite the fact that the Temple congregation did not own a church facility. A rapid search for a suitable site for this class resulted in the purchase of the abandoned Wedemeyer Academy school building for \$7,000.

After some initial repairs and after basic furnishings were quickly provided, the building served as the perpetual site for the Hus Memorial School for the next 20 years. For 18 of those years, the building also housed the principal and teacher, Rev. Joseph Hegar, and his family, until they purchased a home on South 1st Street in Temple. The second floor was utilized each Sunday for the Sunday School and worship services of the Temple Brethren Church pastored by Rev. Hegar – an arrangement that continued with only a short break until June

1939, when the congregation built its first small frame church building at 808 East Central Avenue.

The floor plan, as shown in the accompanying diagram, fairly well represents the activities/uses of each room and the outbuildings as noted. The second floor was accessed by a set of stairs starting from the ground floor on both sides of the wide hall, leading upward to a landing above the front door, and continuing upward as a single stair between the two men's dormitories to the second floor level. Designed and built to be a school building, the facility lacked provisions for personal comfort and convenience such as kitchen cabinets and appliances, storage and clothes closets, bathrooms, and utility or laundry facilities. Yet the absence of such amenities did not dampen the spirit and enthusiasm in which the building was accepted and utilized. Those of us who lived in Temple or in nearby communities commuted to classes each day, as the building

could accommodate only a limited number of students. The resident students basically lived out of their suitcases, with no complaints whatever.

The bathroom and laundry facilities were located a short distance away from the rear of the building as shown, reminding the students from the rural areas of the familiar "outhouses" they used at home at the time. The only thing missing may have been the previous year's Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, or J.C. Penny catalogs hanging on a wire rack on a side wall, and possibly a lush chinaberry tree outside for shade. However, these separate men's and women's bathrooms had flush toilets and bathing facilities, a real luxury. The laundry room was actually only a washhouse, and the clothes were dried on a three-line clothesline strung east to west between two cedar posts with a braced cross bar at top. The prevailing south or north winds efficiently fluff-dried the clothes attached to the lines with clothespins. Remember those days?

Saturday was "wash day", and also building and yard cleanup day. The lawn was mowed with a reel-type push mower. Though the youngsters

lacked vacuum cleaners, their skillful use of brooms, dust-mops, dust cloths, and wet-mops soon had the building clean and ready for Sunday and the following week's activities.

Mrs. Marie Hegar was in charge of the kitchen and dining room and, with help provided by select lay women during the class sessions, she was also the substitute teacher for Rev. Hegar in his absence. Later, sons Joseph and Daniel also helped. Many times the students or their families would bring eggs, butter, potatoes, peaches, plums, and fresh garden vegetables from home. These treats were not only welcomed and enjoyed by the students, but this also helped stretch the budget. After all, a dozen eggs would cost as much as 12 to 15 cents a dozen at the grocery store. You would be surprised what you could buy for a \$1 bill. The only problem was, the dollar bills were as scarce as hens' teeth! The average wage for a day's work on the farm, sunup to sunset, was one dollar a day. (This is recalled from experience.)

Fridays were observed as "play days" with carloads of young people arriving from neighboring congrega-



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tions for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. After volleyball and group activities, Mrs. Hegar and her assistant served sandwiches, cookies, and glasses of "Leon Punch" (tap water) or lemonade in the dining room. Rev. Hegar then gathered everyone in the classroom for a slideshow of Czechoslovakia accompanied by interesting tales. Finally a few hymns were sung, always closing with "Hoj verni v boj" before dismissing. Some of the students went home for the weekend and returned Monday morning. Friday evenings were always anticipated eagerly, for lasting lifetime friendships were formed – some even leading to marriage!

Rev. Hegar spent 33 years as the Hus School principal and teacher, during which time he pastored the Temple Brethren Church, edited *The Brethren Journal*, wrote "In Memoriam" articles in *The Brethren Journal* as a tribute to prominent or influential deceased members of the Unity, and, during World War II, published letters of interest in *The Brethren Journal* from many service men and women. Rev. Hegar loved music; pounding on the piano until each separate voice was perfect, he had the class singing as an accomplished choir in a very few weeks. He spent

much time translating songs from German and English to Czech, drawing the bars, entering the notes, and writing or printing the words beneath. Using a crude box-type letter-sized ink pad and a roller, he printed one copy at a time. This writer has numerous original copies of the musical translations he produced. "Hoj verni v boj" was one of his most beloved translations, as was "Se nestidim" (*I Am Not Ashamed*), a beautiful male quartet or chorus presentation.

Rev. Hegar baptized many infants and married many young couples in his office. He taught Bible classes at Temple High School and traveled many miles by request to perform various functions, baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. Although he was hampered by a weak voice, he never refused to respond to any requests for his services, anytime, anywhere. He taught his classes in Czech with a sprinkling of English. During all of these years as a teacher, Rev. Hegar would admonish and inspire his students with a charge: "If ever faced with a task or obvious need, never hesitate, but GET UP AND DO IT immediately!" There is concrete evidence in every congregation of the Unity that these Hus Memorial School ex-students have honored the charge

and have been "doing it" ever since! It is also well documented that the Hus Memorial School was the most effective means of uniting the membership of the different churches of the Unity of the Brethren in Texas.

Graduation exercises were held at the completion of the 8-week Hus School session. The four highest scholars were recognized, each of whom would make a presentation on the program and be rewarded with a choice book as a gift. One student – the class historian – reviewed the highlights and activities of the class. Another student offered a class prophecy, forecasting the future achievements of each student, and never failing to generate some questionable and amusing moments. The graduating class offered several musical numbers and, joined by all ex-students present, closed the program by singing "Hoj verni v boj" under the dynamic direction of Rev. Hegar. This was always followed by many hugs, tears, and promises to "stay in touch."

Such was the life of a student of the Hus Memorial School in Temple, Texas, from 1924 to 1944, when the Wedemeyer building was sold due to its rapid deterioration and excessive repair costs. I was asked to record these memories from my perspective as an ex-student of the 1932 class and as a member of the Temple Brethren Church throughout the years in question. Hopefully these memories will help present and future generations better understand the experiences of parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc., who would have attended the Hus Memorial School during its years in Temple.

With fond and grateful memories, composed and respectfully presented by:

James L. "Jim" Hejl,
May 26, 2014

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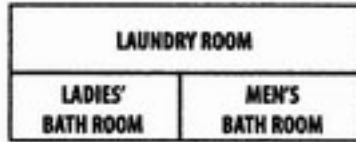
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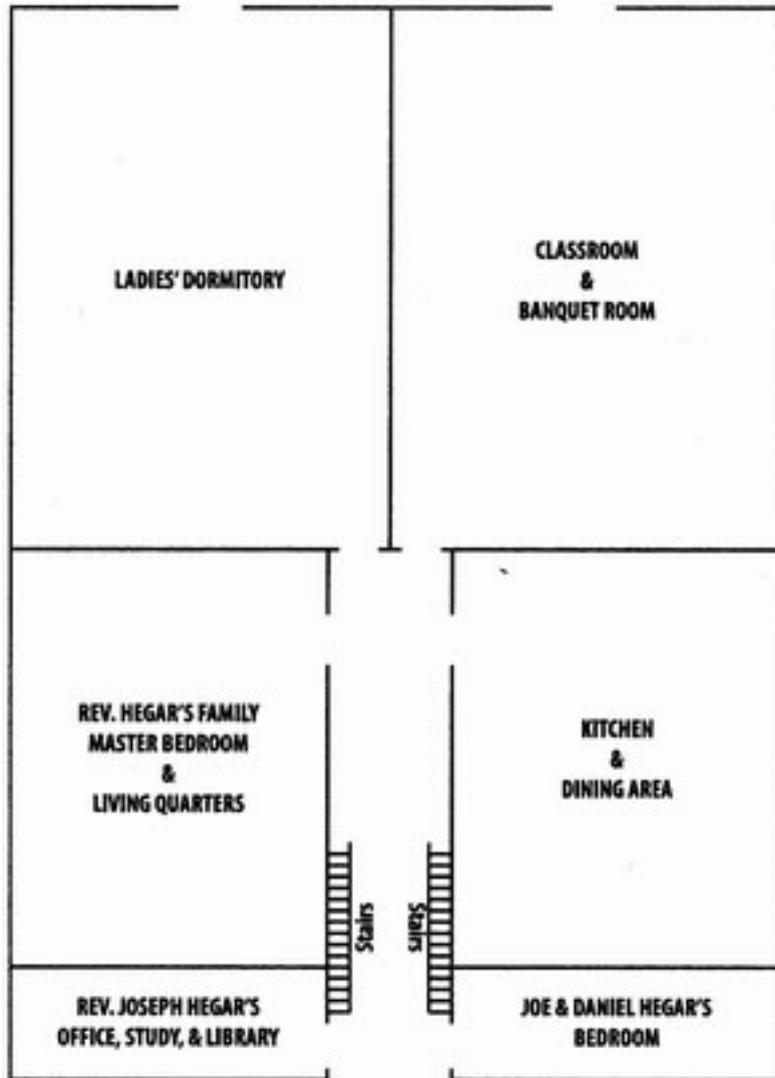
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WEDEMEYER ACADEMY BUILDING LAYOUT

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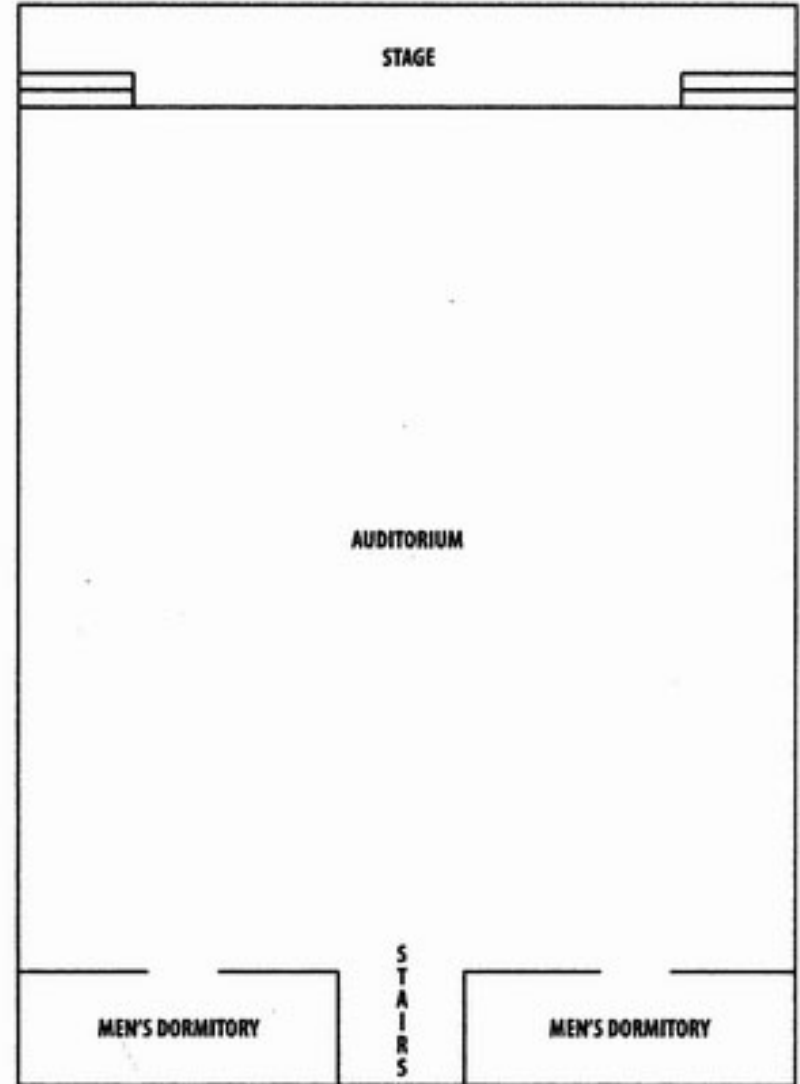
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SECOND FLOOR

Temple Brethren Church 100th Anniversary Celebration Invitation

The congregation of Temple Brethren Church cordially invites the membership of the Unity and other friends to come and celebrate the anniversary of the formation of our congregation on Sept. 14, 2014.

The celebration will consist of worship at 10:45 a.m. followed by a catered lunch. In the afternoon at 2 p.m. there will be a program of the highlights in the church's history as well as comments from former leaders and individuals who gained their early Christian education at Temple Brethren. Following the afternoon program, a reception will be held for attendees

to reminisce about their experiences in the legacy of Temple Brethren.

To assist in planning for the number of persons who will attend the lunch, we request that you RSVP by September 1, 2014. Please notify the church by calling 254-778-8759 and leave a message with your name and number of persons dining with us or e-mailing tbc@hot.rr.com, or write Temple Brethren Church, 2202 Birdcreek Drive, Temple, Texas 76502.

We look forward to having you as our guests in this celebration. For more information contact: Grace Labaj at 254-773-4427 or elabaj@hot.rr.com.

Unity of the Brethren FISH FRY

Saturday, September 20
6:00 p.m.- ?

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Minutes from the 47th Christian Sisters Convention Nelsonville Brethren Church



Christian Sisters Union Officers 2014-2016

L to R: President, Ann Sebesta – Snook; Vice President, Jean Kotrla – Granger; Secretary, Kimberly Kennard – Ocker; Treasurer, Linda Planka – Pasadena; Financial Secretary, Carol Miller – New Tabor.

The 47th Christian Sisters Convention was held Saturday, March 29th at Nelsonville Brethren Church. Convention Theme was "Serving GOD is Ageless"; Hymn was, "Joy in Serving Jesus"; & Scripture was, Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to make the most of our time, so that we may grow in wisdom."

Rev. Michael Groseclose led morning worship. Pianist was Alice Chlapek. Nelsonville Christian Sister President, Edna Macat, welcomed attendees and

Union President, Delores Kubala, responded to welcome. Rev. Mark Sebek, convention speaker, encouraged us to be ready to greet HIM joyfully, warned that we may never know who our service might touch, nor to leave our talents on the table, and assured us that God doesn't hold us responsible for talents we don't have.

Communion was led by Reverends Groseclose & Sebek.

The morning continued after a short break. ➔

Dorothy Kocian moved, and seconded by Carolyn Beseda, to read highlighted minutes from the 46th Convention.

President, Delores Kubala, suggests delegates read reports in package.

Treasurer report: Given by Carol Miller in absence of Mary Kokes.

Financial Secretary report: Given by Carol Miller; Paula Wagner inquired of dates discrepancy; Carol Miller clarified that second date is when it is forwarded to treasurer.

Carolyn Beseda moved, and seconded by Dorothy Schulze that Executive Committee reports be accepted.

Foreign Mission report: Given by VP, Ann Sebesta, emphasized efforts of combined mission boards with new 8x11 double-sided color arrangement of missionaries to raise awareness. Contribution goals not met. Power Point presentation is available through Kent Laza.

Carolyn Beseda thanked Rev. Groseclose & Nelsonville for support of Mission fundraiser in Rev. Beseda's name.

Roseanne Groseclose sent greetings from daughter, Carolyn, via phone call from Africa.

Hus Board: Marvin Chlapek extended Hus School 100th Anniversary Celebration invitation for Saturday, the 26th of April.

Joyce Baletka called awareness to Hus 3 funds: Operating Fund, Building Fund, and Food & Activities Fund.

Offering of \$417 was collected, \$209 to Christian Sisters' Union and \$208 to Nelsonville Christian Sisters.

Local Reports

West: Thanks all for the outpouring of encouragement, prayers, and love offerings.

Fayetteville: Garage sale, quilt raffle, taco bake and sale; small but active congregation, very active in giving.

Temple: Grace's Attic—casserole's baked goods, extends invitation to 100th Anniversary, September 14, 2014.

Wall: New youth minister on board, 1,000 dozen Kolache bake; Country Store.

Snook: Sponsors Men's Night Out-community outreach with speaker, meal and fellowship.

Crosby: Monthly Kolache Bake; Spring Fling, last Sunday in April. HOME, packages and cards to military.

Taylor: 300 dozen kolache baked, prayer quilts.

Pasadena: Goody Day & stuffed animal contribution to fire dept; continental Sunday breakfast fundraiser.

New Tabor: Knotted fleece blankets, congregation prays over prior.

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Seaton: Annual ladies luncheon: Lavender & Lace Salad luncheon.

Caldwell: Operation Christmas Child.

Brother Hejl offered meal blessing. Following the meal, a Memorial Service was held honoring 29 deceased Christian Sisters from local chapters.

Convention Committee Reports:

Audit: Bonnie Walker, Dorothy Schultze, & Joyce Skrabanek: Proper order, no corrections.

Budget: Alice Kocurek, Linda Planka, Evelyn Wotipka, & Charlene Vogelsang: 2014-2016 budget remains the same at \$6,975.

Alice Kocurek moved & Anna Wotipka seconded that excess prior year funds be sent to Hus School for John Baletka and Henry Beseda Memorials, \$450 each.

Motions: Pat Daffin, Rose Ann Groseclose, Jane Williams: No motions made.

Publicity: Anna Wotipka, Sharon Hohmann, Liz Ripple: Reported 24 delegates, 4 board members, 8 ministers, 23 guests attended the 47th Convention

Nominating: Lydia Faust, Dorothy Hinson, Paula Wagner, Dorothy Milberger, Alice Kocurek.

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Voted by Acclamation

Nominating Committee:

Place 1, 2014-2018: Sharon Hohmann, Wall

Place 2, 2014-2018: Liz Ripple, Fayetteville

Place 3, 2014-2018: Marilyn Rubach, Snook

Place 4, 2012-2016: Dorothy Milberger, Nelsonville

Place 5, 2012-2016: Alice Kocurek, Rosenberg

Ocker extended invitation to Christian Sister 2016 Convention

Rev. Michael Groseclose installed officers and ended Convention in prayer.

Christian Sisters' Union Budget – 2014-2016

American Bible Society	\$ 100
Brethren Journal	200
Hus School Bldg. & Improvements	1100
Hus School Cleaning	2200
Hus School Operating Fund	1100
Missions 60%/40%	900
Administrative Board	1375
Total	\$6975

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RESOLUTIONS – 47th Christian Sisters Convention – March 29th, 2014

(Committee Members:

Dorothy Kocian, Gayenell Chudej, Shirley Wrinkle)

THANKS

We express thanks to the Lord:

1. For the beautiful weather on this convention day.

2. To the Nelsonville congregation for hosting the 47th Convention of the Christian Sisters.

3. To Rev. Mark Sebek for the sermon message.

4. To Alice Chlapek for providing music for the service.

REJOICE

We rejoice that the following were able to attend:

1. Rev. James D. Hejl – Taylor Brethren Church

2. Rev. Vanessa Lucia Mitchell – Bryan/College Station

3. Rev. Joseph Polasek – Snook Brethren Church

4. Rev. Jim Heckman – Cade Lake Community Chapel & Dime Box Brethren Church

5. Rev. Michael Groseclose – Nelsonville

6. Dr. Jerry Terrill – Houston

7. Dr. Louise Terrill

8. Mr. James Marek – President of the Synodical Committee

REGRETS

We express condolences to the families of:

1. Rev. John Baletka

2. Rev. Henry Beseda

We regret for temporarily disbanded or having no representation at this convention:

1. Austin

2. Bryan/College Station

3. Cy-Fair

4. Dime Box

5. Westheimer



Unity Churches Provide Vacation Bible School Fun

Many of the churches in the Unity of the Brethren provide Vacation Bible School during the summer to the children of their congregation and surrounding community. The following pictures are from the Taylor Brethren Church and the New Tabor Brethren Church programs called *“Weird Animals, Where Jesus’ Love is One-of-a-kind”*.



Taylor Brethren Church VBS





*The LORD is near to
all who call on him,
to all who call on
him in truth...*

Psalm 145:18

Sunday School Helper



I hope you don't mind, but we are going to take a short departure from the Sunday School Songs to delve into something even more important. As summer turns to fall, the children and youth of our churches will return to school. They will learn much, grow much, and also face many challenges. Let's commit ourselves to praying for all the children of our schools as they begin the 2014-2015 school year. This month's section is dedicated 31 verses for our children, youth, teachers, coaches, staff, and administrators. Join me in praying for a year of joy, growth, and fulfillment.

**Call to me and I will show you great and mighty things.
Jeremiah 22:2**

August Prayers for our Schools

Date	Verse	Prayer
August 1	Psalms 33:10	Blessings on our nation by having young people who walk in the fear of the Lord.
August 2	Hebrews 11:1	Faith
August 3	Romans 15:13	Hope
August 4	Psalms 119:165	Love of God's Word
August 5	Psalms 134:4	Encouragement for the adults working with children and young adults
August 6	Acts 26:18	Pray for the FCA and other youth organizations ministering to students
August 7	Psalms 92:4	Joy
August 8	Romans 8:25	Patience
August 9	Psalms 107:8	Thankfulness
August 10	Psalms 42:1	Passion for the Lord
August 11	James 1:5	Wisdom
August 12	Proverbs 27:17	Friends
August 13	Psalms 145:9	Compassion
August 14	1 Timothy 6:18	Generosity
August 15	Isaiah 26:3	Peace
August 16	2 Thessalonians 3:3	God's Protection
August 17	Lamentations 3:25	Seeking the Lord
August 18	Psalms 51:10	Purity
August 19	Proverbs 10:9	Integrity
August 20	Deuteronomy 31:6	Courage
August 21	Proverbs 3:26	Confidence

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Date	Verse	Prayer
August 22	Proverbs 14:22	Faithfulness
August 23	Galatians 6:5	Responsibility
August 24	Titus 3:5	Salvation
August 25	1 Timothy 6:6	Contentment
August 26	Psalms 11:7	Righteousness
August 27	2 Corinthians 9:8	God's Grace
August 28	1 Corinthians 10:13	Doing Your Best
August 29	2 Corinthians 5:17	Free from Peer Pressure
August 30	Acts 5:29	Obedience to God
August 31	Proverbs 3:5	Reliance on God
Other Verses		
	Acts 5:29	Steadfastness
	Romans 12:11	Servant's Heart
	Psalms 118:8	Trust
	Ephesians 2:10	Biblical self-esteem
	Psalms 96:3	Heart for Missions
	Colossians 3:23	Willingness and Ability to Work
	Hebrews 12:1	Perseverance
	1 Thessalonians 5:15	Kindness
	1 Peter 2:17	Respect
	Psalms 11:7	Justice
	Romans 1:16	Boldness
	1 Peter 2:11	Dare to be Different
	Proverbs 22:4	Humility
	Luke 1:50	Mercy
	Judges 6:12-16	God-given Abilities
	Matthew 6: 19-21	Freedom from Modern Idols
	Colossians 3:12-14	Healthy Relationships
	Proverbs 22:6	Decision Making

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for July 2014

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! Rom. 11:33
2. Keep My commandments and live, keep My teachings as the apple of your eye. Prov. 7:2
3. Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual worship. Rom. 12:1
4. By His power God raised the Lord from the dead, and He will raise us also. 1 Cor. 6:14
5. You were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Cor. 6:20
6. **Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit who is in you? 1 Cor. 6:19**
7. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Mt. 10:28
8. Rip your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God. Joel 2:13
9. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. James 4:10
10. I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out Your precepts and principles. Ps. 119:45
11. Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. James 1:19
12. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Rom. 12:21
13. **Take good care, that you love the Lord your God and walk in all His ways. Josh. 22:5**
14. Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. 1 Cor. 8:9
15. You will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. Prov. 2:5
16. Stand firm, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place. Eph. 6:14
17. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. Eph. 6:16
18. I have hidden Your words in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Ps. 119:11
20. **(The Lord) holds victory in store for the upright, He is a shield for**

those whose walk is blameless. Prov. 2:7

21. The Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost. Lk. 19:10
22. The father of a righteous man has great joy. Prov. 23:24a
23. He who has a wise son delights in him. Prov. 23:24b
24. When we come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. 1 Cor. 14:26
25. Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and truth. 1 Jn. 3:18
26. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 Jn. 4:11
27. **Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Ps. 133:1**
28. In quietness and in trust shall be your strength. Isa. 30:15
29. Christ Jesus, who died, is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Rom. 8:34
30. To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Rom. 16:27
31. Love the Lord, all his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful. Ps. 31:23

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE

*"Bear ye one another's burdens
And so fulfill the Law of
Christ." (Gal. 6:2)*

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Daily Morsels for August 2014

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1. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Ps. 46:7
2. Just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. 2 Cor. 1:5
3. When I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me. Micah 7:8
4. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Philemon 6
5. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. 2 Cor. 1:3
6. Through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Acts 13:38
7. God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 1 Jn. 1:5
8. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. Lk. 17:3
9. He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. Eph. 1:5
10. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Col. 3:15
11. "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair..." 2 Cor. 4:8
12. "...persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." 2 Cor. 4:9
13. Since my youth, O God, You have taught me, and to this day I declare Your marvelous deeds. Ps. 71:17
14. Do not forsake me, O God, until I declare Your power to the next generation. Ps. 71:18
15. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Ps. 73:26
16. But as for me, it is good to be near God. Ps. 73:28
17. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as Your servant. 2 Cor. 4:5
18. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. 1 Cor. 4:2
19. Blessed is he whose hope is in the Lord his God. Ps. 146:5

20. Jesus said, "If you wish to enter into life, obey the commandments." Mt. 19:17
21. Turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die? Ezek. 33:11
22. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus. Rom. 15:5
23. God says, "In the time of My favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." Isa. 49:8
24. I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2b
25. Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Cor. 9:6
26. Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7
27. A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor. Prov. 22:9
28. He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done. Prov. 19:17
29. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Prov. 11:25
30. Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:17
31. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Gal. 6:2

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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

July 6-25 – Hus School at the Hus Encampment.

July 12 – Mutual Aid Society Convention at the Brethren Church of Bryan/College Station, 2650 Earl Rudder Freeway South, College Station. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and Worship Service is at 9:00 a.m. One item of business during the convention will be the vote to amend the Mutual Aid by-laws. The proposed changes can be viewed by contacting your local secretary or by viewing them on the Mutual Aid Society page of the Unity website prior to the Convention. For more information contact Natalie Outlaw (NatalieOutlaw@yahoo.com).

July 26-27 – BYF SUMMER RETREAT, VOLLEYBALL, & CONVENTION at the Hus Encampment, Caldwell. All reports, registrations, and leadership team applications must be received by June 30. They are available at www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com. Convention will begin at 8:30 a.m. Volleyball will begin no later than 10 a.m. Coaches will meet to go over rules and draw for brackets at 9:30 a.m. For information contact Jennifer Chervenka at 254-913-1244; jennchervenka@farm-market.net

September 14, 2014 – 100th Anniversary Celebration at the Temple Brethren Church. The congregation would like for you to mark your calendar as well as the Unity calendar that we will observe the 100th anniversary of the congregation on September 14, 2014. The tentative plans are for morning worship, lunch, and then an afternoon program. Details need to be developed, but just wanted everyone to mark their calendars. Hope to see you then! Grace Labaj, President; Board of Elders and congregation

Sept. 20, 2014 – Fish Fry at the Ocker Brethren Church. 6:00 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the State Youth Fishing Retreat. Free will donations, and to-go plates available. For additional information contact Jennifer Chervenka at 254-913-1244 or jennchervenka@farm-market.net.

SAVE THE DATE . . .

October 4, 2014 – Fall Synodical Committee Meeting at the Hus Encampment – 9:00 a.m.; refreshments served at 8:00 a.m., pre-meeting



time of prayer – 8:30 a.m. A light lunch will be served at noon. The Unity Constitution and By-Laws with revisions up to and including those passed by the 65th Convention held in July 2013 are now available on the Unity website. All congregations will receive a copy of the By-laws at the Fall meeting. If you have any questions, contact James Marek, email: james@cnbt.com or (512) 352-6165, or Liz Ripple, email lizripple@hotmail.com or (979) 378-2239.

October 10-12 – 20th Annual Primetimer's Retreat at the Hus School Encampment. Contact Persons: Rev. Lawrence Junek & Barbara; 3316 Lyle Ave.; Waco, TX 76708, or Kimberly Kennard (kimberlykennard@yahoo.com) 254/931-5657.

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Austin – Bible Study at 10:00 AM
Worship at 11:00 AM.
– Rev. Linda Chandler

Bryan-College Station – worship at
9:00 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Mark Sebek

Buckholts – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday except the 5th Sunday.
Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

Cade Lake Community Chapel – Sunday
School at 11:00 AM; Fellowship Lunch
at Noon; Worship at 1:00 PM.
– Rev. Jim Heckman

Caldwell – Sunday School at 9:30 AM,
worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
Family Night, 1st & 3rd Weds. each
month in Fellowship Hall. Bring a
snack, a game, and a friend if able.
– Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

Christ Covenant Church – Tuesday
Evening Bible Study.
– Carl Shamel

Crosby – 9:00 AM: Worship
10:00 AM: Faith Adventure
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Cy-Fair Community Church – worship at
10:45 AM every Sunday.
1st & 3rd Sundays – Rick Chandler
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays – open

Dime Box – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday.
– Rev. Jim Heckman

Fayetteville – Sunday School at 9:45 AM,
worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Kay Polasek

Good News Fellowship Church of West
Palm Beaches, a Provisional Church of
the Unity of the Brethren – worship at 1:00
PM every Sunday at First Presbyterian
Church, Boynton Springs, Florida.
– Rev. James Henry

Good Shepherd Moravian – worship at
11:30 AM and 6:30 PM every Sunday.
– Rev. Adolfo Gonzalez

Granger – Bible Study every Sunday at
9:00 AM with worship service following
at 10:15 AM.
– Rev. Larry Zabcik

Houston – Sunday School at 9:15 AM;
Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Dr. Jerry Terrill

Industry – worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday
with Sunday School for all ages following.
– Rev. Kay Polasek

Nelsonville – Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Nelsonville – Worship at 10:15 AM
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

New Tabor – Sunday School at 9:30 AM &
Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday,
"Tune Up" on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM.
– Rev. Dave Johnson

Ocker – worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
Sunday School at 9 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Ron Winsman

Pasadena – Sunday School at 9:30 AM
and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
Midweek Study twice per month on
Thursdays at 6:30 PM.
– Visiting Ministers

Community Christian Church of Rosenberg –
Sundays: Adult Bible Study and Sunday
School for children at 9:00 AM; worship
at 10:30 AM.
Wednesdays: 5:30 PM, Dinner; 6:30 PM,
Bible Study; 6:50 PM, Prayer Meeting.
– Bro. Larry Butcher

Seaton –
Sunday, 9:15 AM – Prayer Gathering;
9:30 AM – Sunday School, All Ages;
10:30 AM – Worship Celebration Service.
Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Kid's NITE Out
and Priority ONE Youth (BYF), Adult
Bible Study.
– Rev. Denise Mikeska

Snook – Sunday School – 9:00 AM;
Worship – 10:15 AM.
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Taylor – worship at 10:15 AM every
Sunday.
– Rev. James Hejl

Temple – Sunday School at 9:30 AM.,
Worship at 10:45 AM.
– Pastor Tim Chaplin

Vsetin – Worship at 10:00 AM every Sunday.
– Dr. Mark Labaj
5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

Wall – Sunday School (for all ages) at
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Sunday.
– Rev. Thomas Tallas

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West – Sunday School at 9:00 AM and
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