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**Invitation from the Synodical Executive Committee to the
70th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren
“More Than Able”**

The Theme of the 70th Biennial Convention is
Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV):

*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than
all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work
within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”*

To the Synodical Committee Pastors & Lay members, Delegates, Committee Chairs:

You are most warmly invited to the 70th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren, to be held at:

**Camp Allen, 18800 F.M. 362, Navasota, Texas
on Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22, 2023.**

The convention will begin Thursday, July 20, with registration at 3:00 p.m. The evening meal will be served at 6:00 p.m., followed by Worship and Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.



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Delegates, Pastors and Day Guests must register by
June 16, 2023.

Room reservation forms will be emailed to all congregations and pastors. Please make your reservations through your congregation.

The cost is as follows:

Single rooms - \$130 a night

Double rooms - \$190 a night

All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) are included in the cost. No food is to be brought into the Conference Center. Room registration fees are paid by each congregation (not individuals; exceptions are Pastors) to the Unity.

Day guests must also register with their congregation and pay a day charge of \$35 which includes lunch, specifying the day of attendance.

Reports and the convention agenda will be sent out in advance.

Let us all join in prayer that God will bless this gathering and that the work of the Holy Spirit will be evident among us as we seek to serve our Lord in this day and time.

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Work Ethic

By Jim Pokorny

As 2020 ended, I received the news that the company for whom I worked for over 29 years would be closed by the corporation that purchased it just six years before. I was not looking forward to starting over at that stage of my life. Early retirement was something I was urged to consider, but it was not in my nature to do so. Several factors were not in my favor such as my age, a pandemic, and a downturn in the economy to name but a few. I reminded myself that God did not owe me anything and that things would progress according to His timetable and not mine. In November 2022, a good friend helped me land a contract posi-

tion originally scheduled to last two months. I accepted the position and made the most of the opportunity. At the end of the contract, my time was extended for two months. At the beginning of March, it was extended a second time.

In April, my superiors informed me that the position was planned to be filled permanently and they strongly urged me to apply for it. I did so and was interviewed the following week. Human Resources contacted me days later and offered me the position which I gratefully accepted but more on that later. Many of my friends made it known how happy they



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were for me. More than a few were kind enough to remind me how proud my parents would be. I will not dispute that. But I found myself regularly thinking about someone else.

His name was Josef Mikeska. He was born in September 1886 in Zadvovice, na Moravia. According to the United States Census of 1900 he was listed as a Williamson County farm laborer who immigrated to America in 1893. As a young boy aboard the ship bound for America, passengers were given inoculations. Many became ill, including this young boy. Some even died and he witnessed burials at sea. Surviving this ordeal, the journey was completed, and he set foot upon Texas soil.

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In his mid-twenties, he married Frantiska (Frances) Belicek on November 28, 1912, in the Czech Moravian Brethren Church in Holland, Texas with the Rev. Joseph Barton Sr. officiating.

As a farm laborer he was no stranger to either arduous work or the hot Texas sun. He passed on his work ethic to his children and even his grandchildren. It was the same work ethic developed in the old country that was passed on to him.

He was intimately familiar with the effects of the Great Depression that began in 1929. When the economic crisis was felt close to home, he learned that he did not have sufficient funds to make the final \$125 payment on the Ford Model A upon which the family relied. The seller of the car showed up with his attorney. Despite pleas for more time and family tears, the car was repossessed. A local mail carrier helped the family by driving him into town for what supplies

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he could afford and then drove him back home to the farm.

With the outbreak of World War II, two of his sons were called into service. Only one of them was destined to return home alive.

He worked hard all his life from first light to setting sun until he succumbed to the effects of a heat stroke which impaired his speech. He still managed to work in the fields as he neared the age of 80.

In 1973, his beloved Frantiska was laid to rest at the age of 81. In 1975, his earthly journey was complete. He departed this world at age 88.

As for myself, I benefit from that same work ethic. True, my labors are more

cerebral than physical, and I work in a climate-controlled office instead of a field. But that work ethic is still there. It is a part of who I am and a product of those from whom I came. And it is that same work ethic that my current superiors observed and found desirable.

Yes, my parents would indeed be proud. But arriving early each morning, I now enjoy my first cup of coffee at the office just as the first rays of the rising sun strike the State Capitol rotunda across the street. I then raise a silent toast in memory of that industrious boy who arrived in Texas 130 years ago and whose grandson now works as a Research Specialist for the Governor of Texas.

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Terrill 50th Anniversary Celebration



Rev. Dr. Jerry Terrill and Dr. Louise Bednar Terrill celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at Houston Brethren Church. Their family, church brothers and sisters, friends and relatives joined them for a fajita lunch on April 16th. They were married in Kansas City, Kansas on April 7, 1973.

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Sunday School Helper

**Taste and see
that the Lord
is good;
blessed is
the one who
takes refuge
in him.
Psalm 34:8**



Sundays are specials! It is the one day that we “reserve” for God. Going to church and Sunday School are ways that we can grow closer to God. God wants us to love Sundays! He wants us to want to come to Church and learn more about him. He gave us a wonderful world, full of sweet and precious things... one of those really sweet things is ICE CREAM! This month we will use ice cream, actually, ice cream sundaes, to help us learn to cherish the sweet gifts of God. This includes SUNDAYS!

Bible Lesson: Growing Closer to God

Solomon Dedicates the Temple

Bible Verses: 2 Chronicles 7:1-10

Read the story of Solomon and the dedication of the Temple. Discuss the following questions:

Why did Solomon build the temple? To give the people of Israel a place to worship

What happened after Solomon finished praying? Fire came down from heaven

Why couldn't the priests enter the temple? Because the glory of the Lord filled it

How long did the people continue worshipping God? 2 days

What is one way you can grow closer to God on Sundays? Go to Sunday School, go to church, pray

Object Lesson: Sundays and Sundaes

Materials: Signs with the words Sunday and Sundae, ice cream and other items to make sundaes

This is the word Sunday. What do we do on Sundays? Sundays are sweet because we get to go to church.

This is also the word Sundae. Does anyone know what kind of Sundae this is? This is like an ice cream sundae. What are some things that are good on an ice cream sundae? They are spelled differently, but

both are very sweet. Let's make Sundaes on Sunday to help us remember just how sweet it is to learn about Jesus.

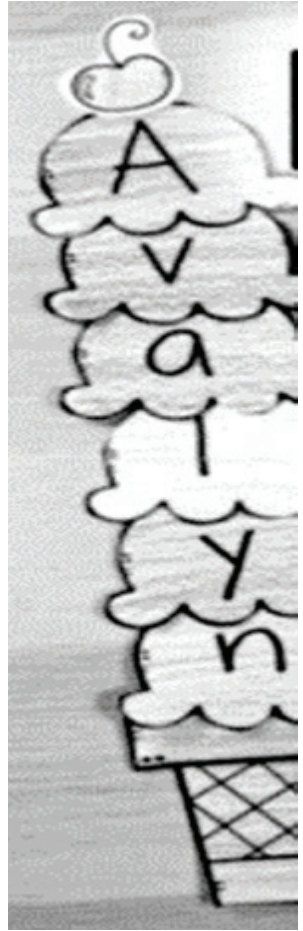


Game: Melt or Freeze

Ice cream has to stay cold, or it will melt. In this game, I am going to name an object. If it is permanent and something that can't be destroyed, then you are going to freeze like a statue. If it is something that is temporary, you will "melt" (slide down to the ground). Ideas: ice, flower, rock, apple, house.

Craft: Ice-Cream Names

Using brown paint, make a foot print for each child. Turn it into the ice cream cone. (see picture). Use construction paper to make "scoops", one scoop for each letter in the child's names. Write one letter per scoop and glue them in order. (see the second picture).



Ocker Brethren Church Father's Day Fund-Raiser

Sunday, June 18 11am-??

Seaton Star Hall

\$15 BBQ PLATES (Dine-in or To-Go)

Ribs, sausage, beans, coleslaw, westphalia noodles, and all the trimmings; dessert and tea.

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Auction**

**Gun
Drawing**

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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

June 3-4, 2023 – BYF Retreat and Volleyball Tournament at the Hus Encampment State Business Meeting 8:30am, Worship & Communion 10:00am, Volleyball Tournament follows. There are no formal activities on Sunday. We will simply clean the camp and dismiss. '23-'24 Leadership team will meet briefly after dismissal.

June 11 – 16 - Challenger Camp at the Hus Encampment. This camp was added after the Hus School Directors decided to not offer Hus School in 2023. (See Flyer in this issue,)

June 18 - 23 - Discovery Camp

June 25 – 30 – Pioneer Camp

WALL BRETHERN CHURCH

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Save the Dates ...

**July 20-22, 2023 (Thursday – Saturday) –
70th Biennial Unity of the Brethren Convention
at Camp Allen, 18800 F.M. 362 Navasota, TX.**
Arrival/check-in to the hotel is Thursday, July 20th at
3:00 p.m. followed by worship and Holy Communion.

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Reservation forms for rooms has been sent by email to all churches and pastors. Attendees are advised to reserve your rooms by **JUNE 16, 2023**. Please make your reservations through your church. The cost will be as follows: Single rooms - \$130 a night; Double rooms - \$190 a night.

Day guests will pay \$35 a day with lunch included - dinner if anyone plans to stay will be \$20.

If you have not sent in your Brethren Fund Assessments for 2022, please do that soon. Annual Brethren Fund Assessments should be sent directly to Kayla Marek, Financial Secretary – kmarek2012@gmail.com.

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9:30 AM

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Practice, Sundays
10:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship
10:30 AM

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2023 Summer Camp Dates

ENCOUNTER

ages 7-9 years old
Camp cost: \$250
Camp Date: **July 9 - 12**

ALPHA

ages 10-11 years old
Camp cost: \$350
Camp Date: **July 16 - 20**

PIONEER

ages 12-13 years old
Camp cost: \$350
Camp Date: **June 25 - 30**

DISCOVERY

ages 14-15 years old
Camp cost: \$350
Camp Date: **June 18 - 23**

CHALLENGER

ages 16-19 years old.
Camp cost: \$350
Date: **June 11-16**

HUS SCHOOL

In depth Leadership
Program ages 16-Adult
Cost: \$550
Date: **Not Offered**

**** DATES HAVE CHANGED (Hus School will not be offered in 2023, and in it's place, Challenger Camp is being offered.)**

**For more information
about the Hus School Encampment go to ...**

www.huscamp.org

*Does your church/organization have an activity that you would like to include in this listing? Please send activity information including a contact name, phone number and/or email address to the Brethren Journal Editor at: **editor.brethrenjournal@gmail.com**. Information must be received by the first day of the month immediately preceding the month of publication.*

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Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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Change Made to The Hus School 2023 Schedule

After much consideration and debate, the Hus School directors have decided to change this year's Hus School to Challenger Camp.

Challenger Camp is a week-long camp designed for 16–19-year-old campers. It is an absolute blast! Please see the flyer below for updated dates and pricing!

Hus Encampment Summer Camps



It is time to register your child for
2023 Summer Camp!

TO REGISTER, VISIT

WWW.HUSCAMP.ORG/REGISTER

Returning campers should use their previous login.

Register by May 15th to avoid a \$50 Late Fee!

Camp	Price before 5/15	Price after 5/15
Encounter	\$300	\$350
Alpha	\$350	\$400
Pioneer	\$350	\$400
Discovery	\$350	\$400
Challenger	\$350	\$400

2023 Dates

Encounter Camp

July 9-12*

Ages 7-9

Alpha Camp

July 16-20

Ages 10-11

Pioneer Camp

June 25-30

Ages 12-13

Discovery Camp

June 18-23

Ages 14-15

Challenger Camp

June 11-16

Ages 16-19

*Encounter is now 4 days & 3 nights!

VITAL STATISTICS

RECENT DEATHS



BRAVENEC, LOYCE P., 98, passed away on January 25, 2023. She was born September 7, 1924, in Chicago, Illinois to Lillian and Robert Perkins. Loyce was raised in Houston, Texas.

In 1944, during World War II, Loyce married James F. Neely Jr., while he was home on leave from bomber command. Together they raised three children, Robert J., Linda J., and Diana G. Neely. Loyce married William J. Bravenec in 1973. Both enjoyed dancing and won many trophies.

Loyce is preceded in death by her husbands, James F. Neely and William J. Bravenec; son, Robert Neely; daughter, Linda Neely, and grandson Jeremy Sifford. She is survived by her daughter, Diana Neely.

A graveside service for Loyce was held on Friday,

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MAREK, LESTER MILTON, 71, of Caldwell, Texas passed away peacefully on March 22nd in College Station, Texas. He was a member of the Houston Brethren Church.

Lester spent most of his life in Houston, graduating from Reagan High School in 1969. He worked at Shell Oil Company for many years and retired from Continental Airlines. After retirement, he spent most of his time traveling, especially to his favorite destination of Las Vegas. He was a big fan of the Houston Astros and cheered them on enthusiastically.

Lester is preceded in death by his parents, Rosalie and Milton.

He is survived by his sister, Diana Gilbert and her husband Mike, his niece Tami Whitmarsh and her husband Brad, and his nephew Jason Gilbert and his wife Meagan. He is also survived by his great-nieces, Camryn Whitmarsh, Lauren Whitmarsh, Peyton Whitmarsh, Anna Gilbert, and Haley Gilbert.

Graveside services and internment was Saturday, March 25 at 1:00 in Snook, Texas where Lester will rest near his parents.

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SMOTEK, MARGARET A., 97, of Hallettsville, went to be with the Lord on March 14, 2023. She was born on February 25, 1926, to Eddie & Amalie Klechka Schiller, in Howellville, Texas. Margaret was a member of the Houston Czech Moravian Brethren Church in Houston, Texas for many years. She was active in the Christian Sisters and taught confirmation classes. She also participated in numerous organizations including the Extension Club, American Legion Auxiliary, the local Food Bank, and the Czech Heritage Society. She was also a 50 year plus member of SPJST.

Margaret married Albert E. Smotek on September 15, 1946, in Houston. Both Margaret and her husband loved to dance and frequently attended polka dances.

Margaret worked for 25 years at Curtis 1000, a printing company, as an executive secretary. Upon retirement, Margaret and Albert moved to Hal-

VITAL STATISTICS

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lettsville, Texas and began living the country life! There they attended the Czech Moravian Brethren Church of Vsetin.

Margaret is survived by; daughter Peggy Frese (Patrick), son Glenn Smotek (Ronda), 7 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews & friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and brother Elton Schiller.

Funeral Service was held on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Czech Moravian Brethren Church of Vsetin. Pallbearers: Howard Faust, Alan Hozak, Patrick Frese.

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**This must be done well in advance.*

Daily Morsels for June 2023

by Mari-Anne K. Gordon and Dorothy E. Kocian

From the Holy Bible New Revised Standard Version, slightly modified

1. O LORD, our Sovereign, Mt. 28:20b
how majestic is Your name in
all the earth! Ps. 8:1a
2. You have set Your glory
above the heavens. Ps. 8:1b
3. I look at Your heavens,
the work of Your fingers, the
moon and the stars that You
have established. Ps. 8:3
4. **Jesus said, “All authority
in heaven and on earth has
been given to Me.” Mt. 28:18**
5. Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations. Mt.
28:19a
6. Baptize them in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Mt.
28:19b
7. Teach them to obey every-
thing that I have commanded
you. Mt. 28:20a
8. Remember, I am with you
always, to the end of the age.
9. Finally, brothers and sis-
ters, farewell. Put things in
order, listen to my appeal,
agree with one another, live in
peace. 2 Cor. 13:11a
10. The grace of the Lord Je-
sus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with all of you.
2 Cor. 13:13
11. **Rejoice in the Lord, O
you righteous. Ps. 33:1a**
12. For the word of the Lord
is upright, and all His work is
done in faithfulness. Ps. 33:4
13. He loves righteousness
and justice; the earth is full of
the steadfast love of the Lord.
Ps. 33:5
14. Let all the earth fear the
Lord; let all the inhabitants
of the world stand in awe of
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Him. Ps. 33:8

15. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations. Ps. 33:11

16. I the LORD desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. Hos. 6:6

17. The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. Rom. 4:13

18. Therefore, since we are

justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1

19. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. Rom. 5:2

20. We also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance. Rom. 5:3

21. Endurance produces character, and character produces hope. Rom. 5:4

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22. Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Rom. 5:5

23. Whoever does not take up the cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Mt. 10:38

24. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for My sake will find it. Mt. 10:39

25. But God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8

26. Do you not know that all

of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Rom. 6:3

27. Therefore, we have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. Rom. 6:4

28. We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. Rom. 6:6

29. He Himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Col. 1:17

30. For in Him we live and move and have our being. Acts 17:28a

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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Austin – Bible Study at 10 AM
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Bryan-College Station – Sunday School at
9:15 AM and Worship at 10:30 AM every
Sunday.
– Rev. Mark Sebek

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except the 5th Sunday.
Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

Caldwell – Come as you are! **Sundays** –
explore the Bible @ 9:30 AM (all ages); KIDS
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Crosby – 9 AM: Worship
10 AM: Faith Adventure
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– Supply Pastors

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– Rev. Mike Groseclose

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Granger – Worship service Sundays, 10 AM.
Bible Study Wednesdays, 5:30 PM.
– Judy Gotcher - Pulpit Supply

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Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Dr. Jerry Terrill

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Worship at 10:15 AM
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

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10/22/11 – Sunday School at 10:30 AM; Worship at
11:45 AM; Lunch after the service.
– Rev. Kay Polasek

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

Ocker – Worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
Sunday School at 9 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Dr. Brad Herridge

Pasadena – Sunday School at 9:30 AM
and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Community Christian Church of Rosenberg –
Sunday: Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
for children at 9 AM; worship at 10:30 AM.
Wednesday: 5:30 PM Dinner; 6:30 PM Bible
Study.
– Pastor Ben Kruse

Seaton – Sunday, 9:15 AM –Prayer Gathering;
9:30 AM – Sunday School, All Ages;
10:30 AM – Worship Celebration Service.
Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Kids' and Adult
Bible Study.
– Rev. Denise Mikeska

Snook – Sunday School – 9:00 AM;
Worship – 10:15 AM.
– Rev. Joseph Polasek

Taylor – Worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
Sunday School 9 AM every Sunday with
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AM.; Friends Fellowship (seniors) 4th
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– Rev. James Hejl

Temple – Cross Church on Birdcreek –
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– Rev. Tim Chaplin

Vsetin – A non-official member congregation
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– Dr. Mark Labaj
5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

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worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
Wednesday – Children's Awanas, 5:30 PM.
– Rev. Thomas Tallas

Wesley – Worship at 9 AM every Sunday.
Sunday School follows.
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