

Fayetteville Brethren Church Newsletter - May, 2008

May 4 – Industry Brethren Church Chicken Fry fundraiser at Industry Fireman’s Hall

May 4 & 18 – Faith Sharing – 7 PM

May 11 – Mother’s Day; Holy Communion

May 18 – Recognition of Graduating Seniors; potluck lunch

June 8 – Wesley Brethren Church Sausage & Sauerkraut at the church

June 22 (Sun) – 10th Annual Church Celebration

June 28 (Sat) - “Brethren History and Doctrine” - Houston Brethren Church

July 26 (Sat) – Sunday School Convention – Rosenberg Brethren Church

Lunch in May & June: A potluck lunch will be held on May 18 in honor of our church’s graduating High School seniors. In June, the Wesley Brethren Church will have their annual fundraiser on Sunday, the 8th with a Sausage & Sauerkraut lunch at the church and on the 22nd, please come to our church celebration at the Ellinger C of C Hall and enjoy turkey, ham, dressing and all the trimmings. Your support is appreciated.

Memorials received – Memorials were made to the building fund last month in memory of Anna, Arque and Ello Elsik, Henry and Sabina Elsik and Ivy Syptak Walden and to the Perpetual Care fund in memory of Ivy Syptak Walden. If you would like to make a memorial for a friend or a loved one you may do so at any time. Please note it on your check.

Sympathy extended to Walden family: Our deepest and sincerest sympathies go out to the family of Ivy Walden. Mrs. Walden died on April 1 and was buried in our church cemetery April 4. She was born to Henry and Amalia Syptak on November 8, 1926. May God’s Spirit bless and keep this family in this time of sorrow and loss.

Praise & Prayer has been canceled until further notice.

Friends of the Hus Encampment – Thank you to everyone who supported the membership drive that was held in April. Our congregation has 24 friends of the Hus Encampment, of which 6 are life members. With your support, the Hus Encampment will be able to provide many good things for many people.

Our 10th Annual Church Celebration on June 22nd: This is our church’s main fundraiser to benefit our building fund. We will need everyone’s help and support to make it a successful one. We will be serving turkey, ham and dressing with all the trimmings at \$7.00 a plate; tickets will be available later this month. Auction items will be accepted at the Chamber of Commerce Hall in Ellinger on Saturday, June 21 from 9 AM to noon and Sunday, June 22 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Please start thinking about auction items and home-made or home grown items for the Country Store. We will also need baked goods for the bake sale on Sunday. All these events will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Hall in Ellinger.

The Christian Sisters’ Society: The Christian Sisters did not have a meeting in April. The next meeting will be on May 18 after the fellowship lunch. Items for discussion include making plans for the silent auction and quilt show for the June Church Celebration. The

winner's of the raffle held on March 29 were: Frances Sula, Keith Brown, Burdine Divin, Doris Miller, Hruska's Grocery, Blaise McKinzie, Leland Miller, Stacey Svrcek, Joe Simpson, Fred Roberts, Gladys Schmitt, Joyce Gerik, Ann Heintschel, Nancy Dorsett, Helen Mikus, Jeanette Michalsky, David Ott, Joe Ripple, Linda King, Doris Young Nathan Byrum and winning the quilt – Hruska's Grocery.

Board of Elders Report: The Board of Elders met on April 23. It was decided to continue to raise money for the Phase II – Sanctuary restoration project before it can go out for bids. A goal of \$50,000.00 was set for the project. The Sunday School Convention will be held at the Rosenberg Brethren Church on Saturday, July 26; Scott Marshall will be our delegate with Kathy Miller as the alternate. Anyone else who wants to attend is welcome. More cookbooks were ordered and have been delivered. Increasing the amounts of insurance coverage on the church, annex and fellowship hall was also discussed.

The upcoming celebration on June 22 was discussed. Jerry & Ginger Marshall and Jerry Dove and Martha Dove attended the Synodical Committee meeting held at the New Tabor church on April 12. An item of concern was about the Unity churches becoming incorporated. An Elders meeting with the 4 Brethren churches (Fay., Industry, Nelsonville & Wesley) will be held on May 21 (location to be determined).

Donations are being accepted for the building fund. At this time, we have \$7,886.84 in the building fund account. We all hope for another successful church celebration, which benefits the building fund. If you would like to make a donation for the Phase II project, please make your check payable to "Fayetteville Brethren Building Fund." If you have any comments or concerns please let the Elders know. The next Elders meeting will be on June 11.

H.I.L.L (Hus Institute for Lay Leadership) is sponsoring a presentation on the "Brethren History and Doctrine" on June 28, 9 AM - 3 PM at the Houston Brethren Church. Dr. Mark Labaj of Temple will lead this seminar. Registration fee is \$20.00 (includes materials and lunch). For more information contact Bro. Jim Heckman at 979-739-1393 or Mrs. Dorothy Hinson 281-620-0480. You can also read more about this in the May issue of the Brethren Journal on page 2 or visit the Unity of the Brethren website: unityofthebrethren.org

Hus Camp – Registration forms for the Unity of the Brethren 2008 Summer Camping Program are in the foyer. You may also fill out a form online at www.unityofthebrethren.org/calendar.htm. The deadline for camp registration is May 15. There are several camps for our youth: June 7-9 Alpha Camp (ages 9-10); June 15-20 Pioneer Camp (ages 11-12); June 22-27 Discovery Camp (ages 13-14); and June 29 – July 18 Hus School (ages 15 & above). Any child who wants to go to camp may go – you do not have to be a member of the church to attend. If you know of a child that wants to attend, please be informed that the cost is taken care of by our church. There will also be a Brethren Youth Fellowship retreat on July 26 & 27 at the Hus Camp. For more information, contact Rev Maly or Liz Ripple.

Commemorative Church Plate – \$25 donation - ready for wrapping. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Liz Ripple. If you would like to have one shipped to you, please send \$25.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling to FBC, PO Box 11, Fayetteville Texas 78940.

Church Sesquicentennial Cookbook: \$20.00 donation of which all proceeds go to the building fund. If you would like to have one shipped to you, please send \$20.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping and handling to FBC, P.O. Box 11, Fayetteville Texas 78940.

