

Good News

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Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Emanuel's mission is to witness
to the good news of salvation through Christ to individuals, the community
and the world through discipleship and service.

What a privilege it is for me to introduce another statement of faith from a member of the congregation. This one was written by Sandi Weirauch. I thank her for her witness of faith.

Please prayerfully consider writing your own for a future newsletter. Let me know if you would be willing to do so.

See you in church!

Pastor Jim Castello

When Pastor Castello asked me to write about my faith, my first thought was, "Who, me?" I pondered his request and then thought, "Why not me?" and then proceeded to inform him that I would.

Emanuel is my church home. I have been a member since baptism. My parents brought me to Sunday School and later I affirmed my baptism through confirmation. We didn't attend church very often and I don't doubt that my parents didn't do their best to teach me good morals and above all else, that there was God.

My husband, Lee, and I began our married life here at Emanuel and we started to attend church regularly. We have been blessed with three

beautiful children, Wendi, Troy and Andrea. They, too, were baptized and confirmed there, and worshiped with us until they left home. Wendi and Andrea have given us four loving grandchildren all of whom were baptized, you may have already guessed, here at Emanuel. Lee and I have had a good marriage, so far, despite the bumps, road blocks, and storms that have occurred. We have been able to overcome these occurrences through faith in God and love for each other.

What is faith to me? Faith is knowing and believing that when God says He will do something, He does it.

I didn't always believe this to be true. During the times that life dealt me challenges, I excluded

God and put Him on the sidelines. "I can handle my problems all by myself, I don't need anyone's help," was my philosophy. I allowed my ego to run wild. I practiced religion but what I didn't have was spiritual communication with God. Once I allowed God back into my life I have been heading in a positive direction. Today, I talk with God whenever I can. I not only talk to Him during times of duress, hurt, pain, confusion, sad times; I talk to Him about the good times, fun times, gratitude I have for Him and others. I thank Him for giving me a second chance at life, for His mercy and for His

forgiveness. I ask Him each morning for His will to be done, not mine, and have learned to wait patiently for His answer. I now understand that life is a series of lessons. Sometimes, I pass with flying colors, other times, I fail and have to repeat until I succeed. I don't allow the pressures of life to build up inside me, to isolate and shut me down as I once did. I have learned to ask for help when needed and it is surprising how much better I feel doing so. I can accomplish just about anything as long as I allow God into my life to direct me along the way.

I will leave you with my favorite saying, "Life is good, but, the best is yet to come, as long as I have faith and allow God to guide me." Thank you for letting me share and may God bless you all as He continues to bless me.

Sandi Weirauch

I am not sure if I was more shocked or surprised with your cards for me for "Pastor Appreciation". Please know my appreciation and love for you. Thank you for your kindnesses, for your love and for your partnership in our ministry here at Emanuel.

Pastor Castello

Schedule change for Holy Communion in November

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at both the 8 a.m. and 10:30 services on the first Sunday in November. This is a change as we normally celebrate this sacrament on the second Sunday of the month at the 10:30 service. The change is due to my being gone on the 11th.

There is some discussion as to whether to make this change a permanent thing for next year. Please let Susan Landversicht or another member of the Doctrine & Worship Committee or myself know of your feelings in this regard.

Community Thanksgiving Worship

This year for the first time, as far as I know, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving Eve with the rest of our brothers and sisters in Christ in a community worship service. The location alternates every year with all of the pastors taking part. This year's host is **The Presbyterian Church** at 303 W. Washington in Napoleon. The service will be held on November 21 at 7:00 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to bear witness to the entire community of our unity through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please make a special effort to attend this service. We can not only show our thankfulness, but also show how Jesus is able to unite us all.

Notes from Angela ...

Angela Tonjes

ADULT CHOIR

Thank you to all choir members for your hard work at the start of the season. We have learned a large amount of new music already. We will continue practicing for upcoming services including the concert and December cantata.

FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Our Adult Choir, Living Spirit, and Bell Choir will present a Fall Music Festival Concert on November 18 at the 10:30 service only. It will be a truly inspiring service with a wide variety of selections and some of our favorite toe-tapping numbers. Please plan on joining us and we promise to put a song in your heart!

CHERUB CHOIR/RAINBOW RINGERS

Our After School Club is off to a fantastic start this year with eight children practicing songs every Wednesday. We are preparing a special song about our church and will be singing it soon during worship.

SYMPHONY OF TREES

On Sunday, November 4, Emanuel Lutheran Bell Choir will be performing for the "Brunch of Bells" as part of the Symphony of Trees fund-raiser. The brunch is being held at the AmVets and begins at 9:00 a.m. and lasts until 1:00 p.m. There will be several other music and dance groups performing all afternoon, so go and enjoy everything that is being offered.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Holy Communion will be offered at BOTH the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services on November 4. There will be NO communion service on November 11.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY SERVICE

There will be NO service at Emanuel on Thanksgiving Eve this year. We will be participating in the community service to be held at the Presbyterian Church.

All Saints Sunday - November 4

Celebrate with us the lives of all believers who have died in the faith, the heroes of centuries past, and our own ancestors and relatives. Members of our congregation who have died in the preceding 12 months will be remembered by name in the prayers on this day.

*Eileen Huber
Eric Eickhoff
Dolores Showman*

*Ann Campbell
Gwen Hendricks*

*Reimund Eickhoff
Marie Heuer*

Looking for bell players

Have you any interest in participating in the music program at Emanuel Lutheran Church? A secondary bell choir is being considered for those who would care to learn how to play bells and those who have played in the past and would love to do so again. In order to make this happen, we need a minimum of 8 dedicated individuals - old, young and in-between! Practices would be held on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. to start in 2008, with summers off. This is one more opportunity to offer praise and enhance our worship service.

Interested persons should talk to Hugh Schink (419-748-8881) or Bill Panning (419-599-0937).

Needed: More "Links" on the "Prayer Chain"

More "pray-ers" are ALWAYS welcome to add to the "prayers" of our Prayer chain. If you would like to become another "link" on the "e-mail chain", please just e-mail Carol Castello at cjcast@embarqmail.com. To become a "link" on the "phone chain," please just call Carol at 419-592-0847. We always need "prayers" for our "pray-ers", too, so please contact Carol with any prayer requests. As we are told in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18: "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

The worst moment for the atheist is when he is really thankful and has no one to thank.

Remember our members in nursing homes and assisted living facilities with prayers, cards, visits.

Lutheran Home (1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon)

Margaret Fahy Marge Gathman Irma Overhulse
Alfred "Petey" Ruetz

Alpine Village Assisted Living (1032 S. Perry St., Napoleon)

Christine Rath (#412) **Miriam Smith** (#303) **Carl Bockelman** (#319) **Ruth M. Eickhoff** (#410)

Country View Haven (R858 Co Rd 15, Napoleon OH 43545)

Don Walters

Cincinnati (c/o Steve Wittenberg, 7225 Camargo Woods Dr., Cincinnati OH 45243)

Esther Wittenberg

Otterbein Portage Valley (20311 Pemberville Rd., Pemberville OH 43450)

Hildegarde Reiser (#313)

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Club Christ

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three have gathered in My name, there I am in their midst.

I was going to begin this article discussing how few members of the high school youth attended our first meeting on September 30, but, as has happened to me so many times, sitting in church on Sunday morning has changed my views. While it is frustrating to plan an event and have few, if any, high school youth attend, it occurs to me that God doesn't demand 100% attendance, so why should I? Jesus doesn't ask us to wait until we've got a minimum number of people around before we ask Him to join us, He says that where two or three are gathered in His name, there He is. The ministry isn't necessarily always about catering to the masses - sometimes, it's about ministering, to the best of your ability, to who shows up.

In **September** we met in the basement to get a handle on our year for Club Christ. We made our own pizzas, discovered that maybe none of us are actual bakers, and ate until we were stuffed full. There was a ton of laughter and flour everywhere and food. Jesus shows up when there are two or three gathered in his name - we all show up for food! This is what we've decided.

In **October** we will be going Frisbee golfing and, of course, eating in BG. This is tentatively planned for the last Sunday in October, though there is some planning yet to do as this is the Sunday of the congregational meeting.

In **November**, we will be continuing tradition by making subs for our Annual Sub Sale on November 17, the Ohio State vs. Michigan game day. There have been a few changes in these plans. We will be assembling the subs this year at Mohring's on the south side. As Mohring's will be providing all of the meats and cheeses for the subs, it will be easier to assemble there, rather than haul all of the product back and forth to the church. Pick up will also be at Mohring's this year. Our goal this year is to sell 200 subs - this is a 100% increase from last year, so we will need your hands and your help!!! An order form is included in this newsletter. Money must accompany the order.

Also, we **WILL** be planning a 30-hour famine **this spring**. We hope that all of you can join us, but numbers will not diminish our excitement or planning. The date for the famine has yet to be decided, though February or April appear to be the months we are targeting. There was also some discussion about going to Kalahari Resorts for the day this spring to end our year.

We are hoping for a fun year that will help us grow in love for one another and in our faith! I hope that you can join us for any or all of our events! Keep your eyes tuned in to newsletter articles and bulletin blurbs!

Holly Mohring, Marv & Julie Mt.Castle

3rd Annual Henry County CROP Walk ... so far ...

Carol Castello

As of Walk Day on October 7, we had a total of 46 Walkers, 3 dogs, and a total of \$1511 to collect! That would mean that roughly \$377.75 will be returned to Henry County for Christmas Cheer and 5 other local food pantries. Our “numbers” all the way around are down quite a bit this year, and the reasons are probably vast and varied (it WAS awfully HOT that day!). However, whatever we have raised is more than if we hadn’t done it at all, and every bit of it helps someone somewhere .. so, THANK YOU for your support!

And mark your calendars for NEXT year’s CROP Hunger Walk – the 1st Sunday in October – October 5, 2008!

Hunger Facts

More than 850 million people in the world go hungry.

In developing countries, 11 million children die each year where 6 million is from hunger-related causes.

In the United States, 12.4 million children live in households where people have to skip meals or eat less to make ends meet. That means one in ten households in the U.S. are living with hunger or are at risk of hunger.

But we CAN end hunger.

We have the means. The financial costs to end hunger are relatively slight. The United Nations Development Program estimates that the basic health and nutrition needs of the world’s poorest people could be met for an additional \$13 billion a year. Animal lovers in the United States and Europe spend more than that on pet food each year.

What makes the difference between millions of hungry people and a world where all are fed?

Only a change in priorities. Only the will to end hunger.

Food for Thought

Of 1,000 American surveyed, 42% said they donated money to non-profit groups serving the poor, and 33% gave time to help the poor. (Barna Research Group) You are one of the 42% when you give to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Council Notes - October 15, 2007

- New Member Reception - November 18
- Council approved the following new members:
 - David Bowen transfer to Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, from St. Paul, New Rochester
 - Ashley Bowen - by instruction
 - Joe Dilbone - by instruction
 - Terry & Mitchell Walther transfer to Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, from St. John Lutheran, Deshler
 - Diane Walter - by instruction
 - Lance Grimes - by instruction
- Donation Corner for November: Christmas Cheer
- Good News for the Day is currently on WNDH
- WELCA ThankOffering Service - November 25
- Secondary Bell Choir is being formed. Sign-up sheets will be available in the newsletter and bulletins.
- Advent calendars will be available.
- Communion will be served at the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday, November 4 as Pastor Castello will be on vacation on Sunday, November 11.

Thank You!

- Thank you to all of you who sent cards and/or expressed your sympathy to us. Also thank you to the Women of the Church who served the meal for Dad's (Reim Eickhoff) funeral. He will be missed by all of us. It is all greatly appreciated.
In Christian Love, Norbert & Linda Sonnenberg & family
- Thank you to everyone who expressed their sympathy with words of kindness, visits, prayers, cards, emails and memorials in honor of Fritz Bostelman. Thank you to Pastor Castello for the heartfelt funeral service and words of comfort. Thank you to Marilyn Fretz for organizing the luncheon and serving with Dora, Rita, Diana, Kathy and Oneta. Fritz was a great dad and father-in-law, husband and grandfather. We will miss him. We humbly and truly appreciate everything.
Sincerely, the Bostelman Family
Jay & Darlene; Eileen; Jason, Sandy, Alan; Seth & Rachael
- We would like to thank all of you at Emanuel Lutheran Church for your donation of school supplies for those in need at Liberty Center Elementary School. It adds stress to a little one's life when they are lacking the supplies other kids have. It's nice to be able to offer them whatever supply they might need. Thanks again for thinking of us. -Liberty Center Elementary School, Stephen Seagrave
- Thank you for your generous donation of school supplies. I am sure they will be put to good use. We appreciate your thinking of us and your concern. We see many children come with so little.
-Sincerely, Sue Hammer, Deshler Elementary
- We would like to thank the members of Emanuel for your acts of kindness and for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers during Marie Heuer's illness and passing.
-Theo & Paul Heuer & family; Mary Lou Baty & family

Needed

Material scraps of all kinds to make crosses for a new special banner.

See Sue Kruse or Juanita Clausen if you have any material you would like to donate.

Giving/donation corner

Ryan Hoffman

Thank you to everyone who has and will donate to the Filling Home. November's collection will benefit the **Christmas Cheer** program. The Christmas Cheer is a county-wide program that distributes food to families in need during the holiday season. They are in need of **non-perishable food items including canned and dry foods and are also accepting personal hygiene products.**

New Member Reception

The ten "newest members" of Emanuel Lutheran Church will be introduced to the congregation at both services on Sunday, November 18, 2007. The entire congregation is invited to attend a reception to be held during the Sunday School hour that day, to meet and welcome them all into our church family. Please plan to attend and introduce yourselves to these newest members while enjoying a hot roll, punch, and coffee. The new members include

Tom Gerken

Kyle Zachrich

Joe & Amanda Dilbone,

Dave & Ashley Bowen

Terry & Diane Walther and their sons,

Mitchell Walther and Lance Grimes.

Thanksgiving

During the Holocaust, Anne Frank, a German-Jewish girl, and her family hid in a secret place in a home in Amsterdam. They were caught and sent to a concentration camp where Anne died of an illness at 15.

Her diary, which details her activities, thoughts and hardships during the months of hiding, is a classic work. It shows that Anne was a positive thinker who did not focus on the misery she faced, but on what she called "the glory that remains."

She wrote: "Think of the beauty that again and again discharges itself within and without you, and be happy." Thinking of Anne Frank's words this Thanksgiving, perhaps we can be reminded of the God-given beauty in our own lives — the joyous gifts of our families and friends, the abundant bounties of nature, and the very breath we breathe.

No matter what has knocked us to our knees in the past or is weighing heavily upon us now, we can remember that God's love and power are still available to us in the final victory. Anne Frank made the right choices and so can we.

Soul Food

Upcoming menus for November include:

November 7 - Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Scalloped Potatoes

November 14 - Pork Roast, Broasted Potatoes

November 21 - Soup & Salads

November 28 - Pizza Casserole

*Please note: All menus subject to change!

Along with the good food and great fellowship provided every Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m., there are plenty of opportunities for plenty of help with these meals, too; check out the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board by the church office – we can always use some more cooks, servers, and cleaner-uppers. “Soul Food” is for everyone and for all ages, so come and enjoy a weekly supper that’s good for you, body and soul!

Good Coffee is a “Fair Trade”!

Why is it that our coffee here at church tastes SO good? It is probably because it is flavored with justice and fair trade! We have become part of the Lutheran World Relief Coffee Project by purchasing our coffee from Equal Exchange in Boston. Through the LWR COFFEE PROJECT, we can enjoy delicious coffee while helping small-scale farmers in Latin American, Africa, and Asia as they build a better future for themselves and their families.

Through the project, farmers earn a fair price for their products, have access to affordable credit and gain a long-term trading partner they can trust, a Fair Trade Organization called Equal Exchange. With our support, these communities invest in education, health care, and agricultural improvements.

In addition, for each pound of coffee purchased by Lutheran churches through the project, Equal Exchange makes a contribution to the LWR “Small Farmer Fund” for projects supporting small farmers and their families. For further information, visit their website at www.equalexchange.com or www.lwr.org/coffee. Equal Exchange has regular, decaffeinated, and flavored coffees, teas, hot cocoa mix, and chocolate bars. If you’d like to order some for yourself, please see Carol Castello for more details.

Advent Devotions

Christmas is coming ...which means it is time for our Advent devotion booklets! These would be a collection of brief “essays” or reflections on what this most blessed time of year is all about, written by you and for you, the Church Family of Emanuel.

How do you prepare for the coming of the Christ Child? Do you have any special “traditions” for Christmas each year? What special memories do you have that make Christmas meaningful to you?

We are hoping to have enough submissions for a devotion each day of the Advent Season which begins with the First Sunday in Advent, December 2. Please submit yours to the Church Office by November 21.

Nut Shuckin' Time

The hickory leaves are falling
The nuts are coming down
It keeps me busy raking
So they don't cover all the ground.
Then I grab a lawn chair
And some things to put shucks in
To sort the shucks from all the nuts
Now the shuckin' will begin.
I love to watch the squirrels
Climb way up high to see
Then snip some nuts that go kerplunk
As they fall down from the tree.
They then come down and look around
And hope no one does see
Them dig a hole to store the nuts
Then head back up the tree.
A little work and lots of joy
How much better can it be
As you sit and shuck those tiny nuts
From that big old hickory tree.
Orville Schnitkey © Sept. 30, 2007

Membership News

Births Congratulations to Kevin & Kara (Landversicht) Brokaw on the birth of a son, **Jackson Drew** on September 13; and to Kyle & Kari (Rippee) Zachrich on the birth of a daughter, **Julia Marie** on September 21.

Funerals **Reim Eickhoff** died on September 17 at the Lutheran Home of Napoleon. His funeral was held on September 21.

Marie Heuer died on October 4 at the Lutheran Home of Napoleon. Her funeral was held on October 8.

Please remember their families and friends in your prayers.

Weddings Congratulations and God's blessings to the following couples:
Angel Concepcion and **Jamie Lazenby** who were married here on October 6;
Adam Wolfrum & Laura Moser who were married on October 20.
Andrew Genson/Sarah Franklin who will be married on October 27

On September 22 Pastor Castello officiated at the wedding of **Nathan Nutter and Jenelle Robbins** (Jack's daughter). Congratulations and God's blessings to them and their families!

On October 5 Pastor Castello officiated at the funeral of **Fred "Fritz" Bostelman** (father of Jay Bostelman) at the Rodenberger Funeral Home. Please remember his family in your prayers.

From **Eric Fletcher** ...

"I proposed to **Jamie Crnkovic** and we are now engaged! Our wedding is scheduled for July 12 in Mentor, OH". Congratulations to Eric & Jamie!

Please let us know of any family birth announcements, etc. so we can celebrate with you!

New addresses

Stephanie Kloos
171 River St Apt #3
Cambridge, MA 02139

Philip & Dianne Bowen
1456 Taylor Dr
Napoleon, OH 43545

Eric Rohrs
17897 Co Rd R
Napoleon, OH 43545

Statistics

Date	Attendance	Communed	Offerings
September 23	125 + 121 (246)		\$ 4,769.40 Bldg Fd - \$455 Good Sam Fd - \$55 World Hngr - \$15 *Bldg Fd mem - \$145 **Rnbow Rngers - \$25
September 30	93 + 100 (193)		\$ 4,673.62 Bldg Fd - \$115 *Bldg Fd mem - \$784 World Hngr - \$5
October 7	152 + 94 (246)	144	\$ 5,124.02 Bldg Fd - \$515 *Bldg Fd mem - \$40 World Hngr - \$65
October 14	136 + 107 (243)	97	\$ 5,042.15 Bldg Fd - \$410 *Bldg Fd mem - \$250 World Hngr - \$25 Good Sam Fd - \$55 ***Ministry ELCA- \$328

* memorials:

9/23 145 Nettie Rohrs	10/7 10 Gwen Hendricks
9/30 20 Nettie Rohrs	10 Ted Imbrock
764 Reim Eickhoff	10 Reim Eickhoff
	10 Marie Heuer
	10/14 250 Fritz Bostelman

** in honor of Madison's birthday

*** special door offering for the seminary

Veteran's Day

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, the day when a peace agreement was signed with Germany ending World War I. Armistice Day was established with a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson which reads in part: "Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations." On June 1, 1954, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.

On Veterans Day this year, let us remember and honor those men and women who gave of themselves, and let us continue to pray for our men and women currently serving in the military.

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

WELCA News

-Rita Schweinhagen for the WELCA Board

Hi ladies - been to a circle meeting lately? You know if you've never been to one, you don't know what you're missing. Remember, there's always that extra copy of Lutheran Woman Today in the WELCA mailbox.

Our Thankoffering Service is coming up on Sunday, November 25 at both services. The list is still up on the bulletin board if you want to be a part of this annual service. Meanwhile, keep saving your money for our collection that day.

The Filling Home Guild Decorated Table Luncheon is now history. Those who attended had a great time. Thanks for doing our table, Carol.

Coming up is The Filling Home Fling. Our ladies and gentlemen have been asked to donate pies. The date is Saturday, November 3 from 12 to 7. Please help out if you can.

There is a sign-up sheet next the church office for donations of baked goods, candies, etc. for the Filling Fall Fling meal and auction on November 3. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Our sewing ladies & gentleman have donated some of their beautiful quilts to a benefit; what a nice gesture. Thanks, you are good people.

The rest of the quilts, together with the kits you made up, have been taken care of by Ami to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks, Ami!

Our next General Meeting will be Thursday, December 6. Please put this on your calendar.

God loves you; so do we!

Worship participants in November

Ushers

8:00 Jack Ruby, Jim Hershberger,
Mike Mohring, Steve Kloos
10:30 Marv Mt.Castle, Ron Meyers,
Ben Michaelis, Lavern Lanzer

Altar Guild

Jamie Bostelman & Julie Callaway

Lay assistants

8:00 Steve Kloos
10:30 Laura Ellis-Kruse (4th - Karri Ashbaugh)

Acolytes

8:00 Blake Biederstedt & Henry Elling
10:30 Jenni Schink & Theresa Peper

Altar Flowers

November 4 - Kevin & Kathy Sonnenberg in honor of Peyton Yaw's 1st birthday on October 27

November 11 - in loving memory of Vernon Rohrs by his family

- Christ & Maureen Peper in honor of their 21st wedding anniversary

November 18 - Ruth Bahler in loving memory of Edwin

November 25 - Joe & Julie Kohout in honor of their 14th wedding anniversary

Altar flowers cost \$20. This amount should be placed in the offering plate and designated for altar flowers. Flowers are automatically ordered from Cattails. If you have a special flower, color or container request, Cattails can customize your arrangement. Price of the arrangement can be increased also. If you wish to make your own arrangements, you should notify the church office a couple weeks ahead of the designated Sunday.

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on November 4!

News from around the Synod and the Community

Bloodmobile Dates

Wednesday, November 7, 1 - 7 p.m. Liberty Center High School

* Thursday, November 8, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Napoleon Rotary @ Oberhaus Park Shelter House

* Monday, November 19, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Henry County Hospital

* by appointment only 419-592-4806

Filling Fall Fling

Filling Home Women's Guild presents the Third Annual Filling Fall Fling on Saturday, November 3 from 12 noon - 7 p.m. on the campus, 2 miles south of Napoleon on State Route 108. Free admission – Freewill offering accepted. Enjoy lunch or dinner (Brats from Herm's Sausage Shop, Hot Dogs, Hot Pulled Chicken Sandwiches and all the fixin's ... Homemade pies and cookies ... Soft drinks.) BAKE SALE.

Good music: "Happy Times" Polka Band, "Summer Nights" Karaoke, and accordionist, Howard Rayle. Good family fun – Magician – Games for kids – Clowns. Silent auction 12 noon - 4:30 p.m. Live auction begins at 5:30 p.m. Many unique and special items to choose from: Quilts and craft items, gifts and items for the home, collectibles, celebrity autographed, many great ideas for Christmas gifts.

Booths available for local merchants and others to display items and make sales to the public.

All proceeds and contributions will go to the Adaptive Equipment and Assistance Fund. For information, call 419-592-6451 ext. 1236.

Filling Home Annual Meeting

The Filling Memorial Home of Mercy, Inc. will hold the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Association of Congregations at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 26, 2007. The meeting will be held in the Chapel of the Home. The Annual Meeting of the Filling Foundation will immediately follow...

...Our Annual Meeting format will remain unchanged, however, after careful consideration the Board has concluded that we will no longer hold the Annual Open House at the Napoleon campus. We made this change simply because the Napoleon campus represents only one of the types of services we provide to individuals with MR/DD. If you or your church are interested in touring our facility or gaining an increased understanding of our service options, we would encourage you to contact us directly...
-Paul E. Oehrtman, Executive Director/CEO

(Our delegates to the Filling Home Annual Meeting are Gary & Jamie Bostelman.)