



Empire Church of the Brethren

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Every Sunday

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Informal Worship in Song: 10:45 am

Worship 11:00 am

July 2026 Church Calendar

Fellowship Singers meets Thursdays at 4:15pm

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| July 1 | Food Delivery Day 8am |
| July 4 | Happy 4th of July 🎉 (Heaven's Bounty is Closed for the Holiday) |
| July 7 | Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon |
| July 12 | Red White and Blue Luncheon |
| July 14 | Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon |
| July 16 | Church Board Meeting |
| July 17 | Friday Fellowship Dinner Out 5:00pm |
| July 21 | Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm |
| July 24 | Shed Work Day 9:00am |
| July 24-29 | Family Camp—Camp Peaceful Pines |
| July 26 | All Church Sunday Luncheon |
| July 28 | Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon |
| Aug. 1 | Heaven's Bounty Open |



David & Evelyn Hurlbut

Lloyd Fulmer

Verne Shafer-finishing radiation

Vance Shafer-treating skin cancer

Glen Stanford

Nikki Waggoner

Annual Conference June 28-July 2

In Fort Wayne, IN

Family & friends of Mary Rariden



In Loving Memory

Mary Elizabeth Rariden

November 22, 1925 – June 7, 2026



Mary Elizabeth Rariden, age 100, passed away on June 7, 2026. Born November 22, 1925. Throughout her long life, she was deeply beloved, remembered for a compassionate spirit, a kind heart, and a steady thoughtfulness that was evident in the way she cared for others with quiet selflessness. As a member of Empire Church of the Brethren from a very young age, Mary devoted herself to faith, family, and community.



July Birthdays

- Bailey Price
- Natasha Towe
- Glen Stanford
- Pat Shafer
- Jen Baker
- Sheryle Knott
- Pam Franklin
- Cynthia Welch
- Veronica Suderman

*I can do all things
through Him
who strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13

May 2026 STATISTICS

Average

Worship Attendance: 23

Giving Local: \$4,131.00

Other: \$ 421.76

Total: \$4,552.76



July Anniversaries

- Roger & Cynthia Welch
- Skip & Kathleen Powell



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4

This year we are joining with Love Empire who will be celebrating in the park by the Empire library. We will have a booth and would love you to come & "hang out" in celebration and friendship with our community.

OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ADDRESSES:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/EmpireCOB

Twitter: https://twitter.com/empire_cob

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/empirechurchofthebrethren/>

Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.



| 2026 Monthly Prayer Calendar (praying each Sunday morning for Pastor John) | |
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| Remember as you pray for the folks listed to include their families, children & grandchildren | |
| Day Pray for: | Day Pray for: |
| 1 Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano | 16 Oscar Phan Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price |
| 2 Molly Arellano Elaine Azevedo Ben & Jen Baker | 17 Jeremy & Erica Price Joel & Susan Price Hannah Price |
| 3 Ken Barklow Pat Benton Pauline Bert | 18 Sam Price John Price Jonah & Morgan Price |
| 4 Michael Best Earl Boyd Earleen Cadruvi | 19 Nathan & Kim Price Wyatt Price Kay Qualls |
| 5 Ron Cadruvi Linda Carter & Ivy Arlene Cupp | 20 Mike & Laura Radcliffe Lana Royer Colette Spencer |
| 6 Deanna Dixon Chuck & Wendla Dyer Jim & Sue Eikenberry | 21 Keith Shafer Vance & Maria Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer |
| 7 John Elness Kenny Fox Pam & Phil Franklin | 22 Troy & Joy Slaybaugh Brad Slayter Marilyn Snider |
| 8 Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer | 23 Tony & Laura Snyder Glenn Stanford Natasha Towe |
| 9 Jerry Goodman Thom & Patricia Guthrie Clark Hartman | 24 John & Sue Vacca Jonathan Vacca Matt & Alexis Vacca |
| 10 David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut Jay Irizarry | 25 Linda Vargo Nikki Waggoner Olivia Brown |
| 11 Sheryle Knott Chery Leib Baji Lutes | 26 Linda Ward Roger & Cynthia Welch Josh&Heather Winchester |
| 12 Norma Lutes Seth Lutes Gerri Masellis | 27 Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny & Erica Wyatt |
| 13 Ric Mason Jose & Floriceta Merlos Hillary Merlos | 28 Pastors & Churches of the Pacific Southwest District Church of the Brethren |
| 14 Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker | 29 Church Board Members Food Pantry Recipients Camp Peaceful Pines |
| 15 Brad Parrish Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson | 30 The Empire Community Women's Fellowship |
| | 31 Heaven's Bounty Ministry |

Some devotional thoughts from the last day of Discovery Camp 2026 at Camp Peaceful Pines.



Day 6 Packing Up & Heading Home

Scripture Focus: “I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope” Jeremiah 29:11

We have enjoyed our time in the wilderness—the untamed, natural beauty all around us here at Camp Peaceful Pines. Now it is time to head out of the wilderness and back into our homes and daily lives.

Sometimes we experience a different kind of wilderness—a challenging space of testing or crisis, often full of the unknown. Jeremiah reminds us that even when things seem to be going completely wrong, we can be confident that God wants only good for us. God will equip us to face the wilderness moments in our lives. Because of God’s constant presence with us, we can brave the unknowns and challenges in our lives. We are not alone!

Hopefully, your time of exploring, connecting with others and growing here with God amid the glories of God’s creation will encourage you and strengthen your resolve to face the trials that come your way. The Lord loves us, provides for us, and wants to help us live every day in peace and hope.

Thank you for being part of the Camp Peaceful Pines Discovery Camp 2026 community.

Prayer: O God, thank you for guiding us this week and for your presence as we prepare to leave this place. As we step away from camp, having been refreshed by your creation, help us to walk in trust and to live with hope knowing you are with us each step of the way. Amen.

