



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

June 2026 Church Calendar

Fellowship Singers meets Friday at 4:15pm

June 2	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
June 3	Food Delivery Day 8am
June 5	All Church Friday Fellowship 11:30am
June 6	Heaven's Bounty Open 9am-2pm
June 9	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
June 14	Honor Mom, Dad & Grads Luncheon
June 16	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm
June 18	Church Board Meeting
June 19	Friday Fellowship Dinner Out 5:00pm
June 21	Happy Father's Day!
June 22-25	Women's Retreat—Camp Peaceful Pines
June 23	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
June 26	Shed Work Day 9:00am
June 28	All Church Sunday Luncheon
June 30	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon



David & Evy Hurlbut

Seth Lutes dealing with pain

Lloyd Fullmer

Vern Shafer—radiation for skin cancer

Vance Shafer—treatment for skin cancer

Those in care facilities:

Mary Raridan

Glenn Stanford

Pat Benton

Marilyn Snider



June Anniversaries

22 Thomas & Patricia Guthrie
24 Lyndall & Lois Frantz
27 Alex & Cathy Arellano
27 Joel & Susan Price



June Birthdays

2 Linda Ward
10 Alex Arellano
Jennifer Wuchner
12 Wyatt Price
15 Zachary Baker
Jonah Price
17 Kathleen Powell
18 Lyndall Frantz
21 Kerby Frantz
23 Katie Lutes
28 Thomas Guthrie
30 Rochelle Slaybaugh



April 2026 STATISTICS

Average Worship Attendance: 27

Giving Local: \$4,498.00

Other: \$ 100.00

Total: \$4,598.00



MOMS, DADS, & GRADS

Gather for a BBQ lunch after worship on **Sunday, June 14**. Main dish and dessert provided. Bring a side dish to share.

Looking for Game Donations.

Thanks to those who put on the Youth Reunion evening in May. It was lots of fun and a great success! A Game Night was suggested as a follow up activity. If you have any table games in good condition to donate, please leave them on the table in the room behind the sanctuary.



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2026 Monthly Prayer Calendar

(praying each Sunday morning for Pastor John)

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 Mary Rariden Lana Royer
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



Annual Conference 2026

Fort Wayne, Indiana

June 28—July 2

When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost amidst tongues of fire and miracles of speaking and hearing, the people were amazed and perplexed. Peter explained to them that the words of the prophet Joel were being fulfilled:

17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. (Acts 2:17-18 NRSVUE)

Scholar Walter Brueggemann in his classic work *The Prophetic Imagination* argued that the role of a prophet is to imagine new possibilities. Perhaps one reason the church remains mired in the same old patterns is that we have lost our ability to envision anything better. Paradoxically, Brueggemann suggested that a prophet's visions and dreams for a hopeful future often reappropriate themes and symbols from the past that are rooted in God's call and faithfulness—a newness that is so old, he wrote, that it has been forgotten.

When I was a young man leaving for a year abroad, a mentor encouraged me to "remember who you are." Could it be that the key to envisioning a way forward for the church is to remember where we've come from? Rather than something entirely new, what may be needed are renewed dreams and restored vision as we reclaim themes like radical discipleship, commitment to our New Testament creed, caring community, humble service, and nonviolent peacemaking.

The second verse of the hymn "What Is This Place" suggests that "dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are what we need." What's old can be new again. "What a commission it is," wrote Brueggemann, "to express a future that none think imaginable!" Imagine!

—Don Fitzkee, 2026 Moderator
Pastor, Lancaster Church of the Brethren