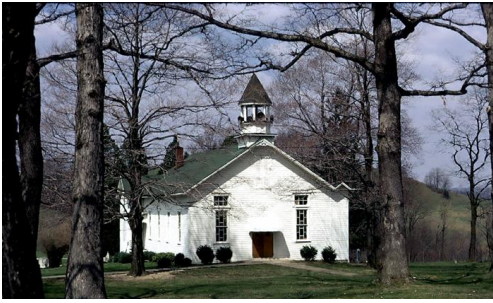


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**1843-2018**



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ATTENDANCE	4/1	4/8	4/15	4/22	4/29	5/6	5/13	5/20	5/27	6/3	6/10	6/17	6/24
<i>Sunday School</i>	84	98	100	95	80	81	89	96	94	79	81	86	88
<i>Morning Church</i>	188	149	147	135	116	155	147	103	116	145	111	125	156
<i>Evening Church</i>	--	47	*	*	46	43	--	*	--	51	--	--	--

## Sacred History

**Submitted by Pastor Chris**

On Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, well over 150 individuals from our community, church family, and extended church family celebrated the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Indian Creek Baptist Church. Many who traveled to worship with us grew up in this church, were saved in this church, or were called to serve in ministry through the Lord’s work here at ICBC. This celebration was not about us though- it was about Him.

Throughout the Bible, the Lord commanded His people look back at His works- to note significant people and events, and to give Him the glory He is due in response. Consider Isaiah 46:9- “Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.”

### “Remember the former things”

We aren’t called to forget the past. Our celebration was important because it stirred our minds and our hearts. As I heard members of our church talk about saints now glorified who led them to Christ, who invested in their spiritual growth... as I heard of parents and grandparents who faithfully brought their children/grandchildren to church and set an example at home of sincere faith in Jesus Christ- I found myself challenged to follow such tremendous examples. I trust you had the same reaction. As I saw pictures of humble church buildings, I stood in awe of the One Who has so graciously used a small church in Mill Run, PA to reach the world through sending out pastors and partnering with missionaries/missions. As I heard about our commitment to missions and the way in which the American Baptist Women have been so influential in this cause, I found myself thanking God for such committed believers through the years.

### “I am God, and there is no other”

Our celebration was a worship service. Although we celebrate those whom God used, we recognize that all of us are able to serve because of His power that is at work through us. Our celebration was not only an opportunity to look back at what God had done and to burst forth in praise in response... it was an invitation to look ahead and trust that God, Who has so marvelously used us as His light to the mountain, is able to sustain and strengthen us in the days to come. May we remain faithful to Him and His Word, as those who came before us did.

## 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (notes on the committee and celebration)

**Submitted by Pastor Chris**

On Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> Indian Creek Baptist Church celebrated its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This celebration concluded a wonderful, months-long process by members of our *175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee*, Marlyn Dull, Patty Dull, Pam Hughes (Chairwoman), Debbie Kooser, myself, Jan Show, Patty Show, and

Bonita Warrick. Months before, we had begun meeting with a wealth of information in front of us. We wrestled with questions such as the following:

How does a church celebrate such an anniversary in an appropriate manner? What have other churches done? How can we pack as much information as possible into this celebrate?

I am proud of the work of our *Planning Committee*. Our hard work resulted in us gaining new information. For instance, Bonita Warrick did a lot of research on the Hickman Chapel. Patty Dull was able to find out exactly when *The Jersey Church* sent out a church planting team to Indian Creek (1798). These were valuable pieces of information that had been lost to history, only to be rediscovered by our committee.

Marlyn Dull was able to provide a lot of information about previous ministers, ministries, and musical groups. One of the most memorable parts of our ceremony was his brother Gorman sharing heart-felt testimonies about those who served the Lord faithfully in this ministry through the exercising of their musical gifts.

Patty Show shared many pictures, stories, and worked hard with others to put together beautiful displays within the church to add dramatic visual evidence of the ministry's history.

Jan Show provided a great deal of historical information about our community. How did we become *Indian Creek Baptist Church*? What did our community look like when we were first founded? -These were the sorts of questions that Jan answered through his research.

Pam Hughes, whose mother served as Church Clerk before her, was able to provide a wealth of historical documents to add insight into how ICBC has operated throughout the years. We were able to see how previous generations within this church have done as much as possible to reach others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pam, as our Chairwoman, helped to shape the vision for our celebration.

Due to technological advances, we were able to preserve pictures and historical documents for future generations. Many images are available on our church website, [icbcmillrunpa.com](http://icbcmillrunpa.com), under the "gallery" tab. Hopefully, future generations will be able to use our research as a starting point for their celebrations (should the Lord tarry). In addition, we were able to compile all of this information into a 28-page booklet about ICBC's history. If you would like a copy of this booklet, please contact the church. We will gladly mail you a copy.

In addition to collecting information (every member of our committee provided a wealth of information and helped us decide what to do with all of the information/images we received), our committee worked hard to make sure that this celebration would be one to remember. Debbie Kooser's excellent work on the commemorative wooden ornaments ought to be commended. They are a beautiful keepsake that will be cherished for generations. (Those are also still available for \$5 an ornament)

I would like say "thank you" to all who contributed to the booklet and slideshow. There are so many who were not a part of our committee who added information, pictures, etc. who provided valuable historical items. The 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration could not have been successful without your hard work. Thank you to all who traveled to be with us: from guests, to those who sung (Our choirs and the Country Churchmen), to ministers who participated in the service (Rev. Dr. Jeff Johnson, Rev. Dr. Gary Dull, Rev. Charles Bowser, Rev. Don Bowser, and Rev. Tom Hawkins).

Should the Lord tarry, let's do this again in 25 years

## God's Tots

Submitted by Patty Show

God's Tots recently ended their year with a "Down on the Farm" field trip. On Tuesday, May 15, sixty-two children and adults loaded onto a hay wagon and made the short journey to Windy Acres Farm. Our first stop was to visit the black Angus cows in the barnyard. The kids fed them hay and petted their heads. Since Windy Acres Farm is not a dairy farm, we had no dairy cows for the kids. So, we invited a special flat cow to join us that day, thanks to Jessica and Erin. "Bessie" was there so the children could experience the art of milking a cow. Each child had the opportunity to try and squeeze some milk into a small pail. This cow never moved or tried to kick over the pail!

That day the chickens laid brightly colored eggs and the children searched the grass for the eggs. After finding the eggs and putting them into their egg cartons, the kids fished for ducks on the water. Inside the barn the pigs were released so the children could pet them. The kids were able to view the farm tractors and equipment, drive pedal tractors and do a corn relay. Then it was back on the wagon for the return trip to the church.

At the church we had a special farm themed picnic lunch in the grove. They enjoyed hot dogs, chicken feed (Chex mix), God's Tots vegetable garden (vegetable and dips), haybales (rice krispie treats), cow patties (brownies), popcorn from the corn field and chips from the potato patch. The meal ended with a beautiful Tractor cupcake cake. We recognized our 7 graduating five-year-olds and had goody bags for all the children. We are taking a summer break but will return in mid-September. God's Tots is open to all preschoolers in the community and surrounding areas on Tuesday mornings starting at 9:30 a.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult and there is no charge.

## Youth News

Submitted by Tiza Dunaway

Our youth continues to keep busy! Here are some things they've been involved in since our last issue.

**Garrett Barkley**- received Highest Honors for the 4<sup>th</sup> 9 weeks & for his final grades of the year. He had all A's & B's throughout his Junior Year.

**Jett Dunaway**- received the Principals Award for making the Honor Roll all four 9 weeks in the 2017/2018 school year. He just completed the spring baseball season for Dunbar Little League where he played 1<sup>st</sup> base & pitched. He was selected to play on the All-Star Team & is currently practicing for their 1<sup>st</sup> Tournament.

**Lexi Dunaway**- just completed her 1<sup>st</sup> year of school & received her "Kindergarten Diploma". She is taking Baking & Art Classes at Michaels.

**Madison Kinneer**- finished her 1<sup>st</sup> season of AAU Basketball. She also received Highest Honors on her final report card.

**Meredith Kinneer**- finished her 1<sup>st</sup> year at Verna Montessori School & absolutely loved it! She participated in her 1<sup>st</sup> play.

**Miles Kinneer**- finished preschool & also his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of T-Ball.

**Kaydance Oldham**- is playing softball & her team only lost 1 game this season! Her tournament begins this week. She will also be attending Camp Carmel in July.

**Bailey Pritts**- is playing baseball for the Miracle League.

**Dara Pritts**- will be attending the Pitt-Greensburg Summer Science & Math Experience. She is at Camp Sunrise Mountain church camp this week. Dara also took part in the PNC Park Math Baseball Fantasy Competition in May.

**Amaris Richter**- received the Principals Award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. She also received the Perfect Attendance award for the 2017/2018 school year.

**Amelia Santore**- participated in Premier Dance Centers Annual Recital “Showstoppin’”. She performed with Beginners I Jazz & Acrobat groups. She also made straight A’s in the 2017/2018 school year.

**Nicholas Santore**- was a member of Dunbar Little League’s Minor League team. He pitched & played middle infield. He was selected for Dunbar Little League 10 & under All-Star team & will be playing in the District 9 Little League Tournament in July. He also made straight A’s in the 2017/2018 school year.

## **ABWM ANNUAL CALENDAR PARTY**

**Submitted by Pam Hughes**

This year the project for the annual calendar party was raising funds for the ABWM PA/DEL region project – CONGO MIDWIFE CLASSROOMS – Vanga Hospital in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

In the remote rural villages of the Congo, having a midwife deliver a baby can be the difference of life and death. It is important to train midwives with the knowledge and skills needed to assist with a normal birth as well as a high risk pregnancy. That is why the Vanga Hospital in the Congo will build classrooms to provide an environment where students learn to become midwives. Missionary nurse, Kathy Rice will manage this project.

The Calendar Party was a great success. We had tables that were decorated with: flamingos, Kentucky Derby, Gardening, Sunflowers, Breast Cancer Awareness, Hummingbirds, Scriptures, Vintage toys, Thanksgiving. We had many local businesses provide donations and door prizes. We also had many craft items made by members of the church. Our food this year was barbecue sandwiches, chips, cookies and other individual table foods.

We were able to raise \$2000. Our Mission Committee and Couples SS Class gave donations toward our total.

The Congo has been an ongoing mission field for years. We roll bandages, make 4 x4 squares (used in place of gauze strips) surgical caps and masks. Those of us that grew up with mothers and grandmothers involved in the Mission Society have heard about the Congo as a mission field.

This year’s ABWM THRIVE CONFERENCE in July features Katherine Nils missionary to the Congo.

## **Congratulations**

**Zack and Annie Engel** are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Maverick Mark Engel. Maverick was born on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 3:35am. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Maverick joins his big brother Greyson who is 2 ½ years old. Maverick’s grandparents are Terry and Laura Engel of

Sewickley and Rick and Becky Broadwater of Mill Run. Great-grandparents are Irene Loder of Philadelphia Richard and Patty Broadwater of Mill Run. Zack, Annie, Greyson and Maverick reside in Connellsville, PA.



**David and Katie Show** of Ridgeley, WV proudly announce the birth of their son, Caiden King Show. Caiden was born on Monday, June 18, 2018 weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. and 18 ½ inches long. Caiden joins older sister, Cami, age 4 and older brother, Case, age 2. Grandparents are Francis and Patty Show of Mill Run and Paul and Linda Grieneisen of Plum and great-grandmother Mae Reinhard.

### **In Sympathy**

**Janice Colleen Hensel Danison**, 64, of Wheeling, W.V., passed away April 9, 2018 at her home. She was born Sept. 10, 1953, on Whidbey Island, WA., daughter of Patricia Stickel Hensel and the late Kearney ‘Sonny’ Hensel, both from Mill Run, PA. She was a retired graphic designer for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and a member of Stone Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, W.V.

Janice enjoyed laughing, camping, sports, and her Lego creations. She enjoyed playing cards and driving her golf cart.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Danison, in 2012. In addition to her mother, she is survived by her 3 daughters, Lisa (Tim) Bohnenstiehl, Jennifer (Paul) Denard, and Amy (Josh) Garceau; brother, Chuck (Nancy) Hensel; sister, Samantha (Jim) Buch; 13 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews; and her cat, Zoey.

### **Greetings from Mill Run and Thank You**

**Submitted by Patty Ann Dull**

Our amazing church history can really spark both imagination and appreciation for God’s faithfulness and for dedicated leaders and servants. The Turkeyfoot Baptist Church, or ‘Old Jersey Church’, founded in 1775, had folks who were interested in spreading the Gospel of Christ to nearby communities. They have documented that in 1798 they sent their pastors to ‘Indian Creek Settlement’, later renamed Mill Run, to preach. Now begins my wondering... Did our history really begin then? Did families follow through and organize the beginnings of our church in their homes? Did some folks at Turkeyfoot have family members or friends at Indian Creek Settlement? Probably. I can imagine the pastors from Turkeyfoot on horseback, with Bibles in their saddle-bags, coming here with love and concern, and more importantly, truth of the Gospel. How wonderful!

We officially organized in 1843, so we count our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary from that year. But our history begins many years prior. When I talked with the secretary from Turkeyfoot Baptist Church, Nancy Mitchell, and asked if the present congregation, now relocated into the town of Confluence, is descended from the 1775 congregation, she said, “Yes we are.” I was over-whelmed with the great faithfulness of our God. We celebrate so much this year.

We thank Patricia (Stickel) Hensel, of Wheeling, W. VA. for her donation to help with printing and mailing. Until next time, keep in touch and in prayer.