



### **Polo Church of the Brethren Invites All**

The Polo Church of the Brethren is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in many ways. The first event was held December 31, 2004, with a New Year's Eve party at the church, as had been done for many years previously.

The next event will be held April 17. Art Hunn, former pastor of the church for 35 years from 1965 to 2000, will preach for the Sunday morning service at 9:30. During the service, Phyllis Hunn, pianist, and Joyce Person, organist, will play as a "duo" just like they did for most of the years before the Hunns retirement to North Manchester, Indiana. There is a carry-in meal at noon.

At 7:00 pm there will be a piano-organ concert in the church sanctuary by Joyce and Phyllis. This, too, was an annual event for many years. Joyce and Phyllis were pianist and organist for Annual Conference in Milwaukee. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the concert. The Women's Fellowship and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee are sponsoring this event. You are invited.

A banner has been made that hangs in the sanctuary. It carries the Anniversary theme – "Creating Opportunities in Fellowship and Friendship". A monthly article is published in the local newspaper about the Polo Church history of 100 years, and also its involvement in mission projects such as CROP, Heifer Project, and CWS (Church World Service).

A monthly "highlight", of the Polo Church history, is also presented during worship time. The church newsletter, "The Fellowship Visitor", is featuring a monthly "unique theme" of the church in the editorial. So far, the following topics have been used: the first Eucharist Communion, and the story of its inception; a full-color page of the logo banner, and a descriptive write-up of the symbols on it; and a copy of "The Church in Polo", a song written to the tune "Church in the Wildwood", as it appeared in a 1932 church bulletin.

The church is participating in the Foods Resource Bank program as their Historical Service Project this year. The church has a new pictorial directory of its members, is developing a slide program of submitted pictures, and will print a history of "100 Years of Existence".

Many events are already planned for the Anniversary Weekend of September 24 and 25. Frank Ramirez will be the keynote speaker on Sunday morning.

There is much "ado" in, and at, the Polo Church of the Brethren.

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### **Freeport Church of the Brethren**

**CALLING EVERYONE WHO LIKES TO SING!** The Freeport Church of the Brethren will host a **Hymn Sing on Sunday, April 24, 6:30 PM.**

We will sing for about an hour, followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship. So pick out your favorite hymn and be ready to make your request.

The Freeport church is located at the corner of Hwy. 26 (S. West Ave.) and Pleasant Street. Handicap parking and a chair lift are available at the front (Pleasant Street) entrance.

*Open letter to District Minister Jim Yaussy Albright*

Dear Jim,

I'm not sure what your schedule is for sending out district information or if you think the following would be appropriate to pass on to those in Illinois Wisconsin District.

There was a tremendous amount of generous labor and support that came from the people in your district to help build the church where I am now the pastor in VA, so our mortgage burning event committee asked me to see if this invitation might be issued through your district newsletter. Our church building was built with over 14,000 hours of volunteer labor and that has resulted in our being able to pay off our mortgage in a relatively short amount of time.

At least part of the IL-WI connection was the result of Marianne Pittman being the pastor here when the building was built, and her having come from IL-WI district.

Thanks for the consideration. Hope you are doing well! Marilyn Lerch

**Good Shepherd Mortgage Burning Celebration:  
Sunday, April 10, 2005**

With the help of so many generous hands and hearts from Illinois-Wisconsin District, we've paid all our building indebtedness!

Come share your memories of volunteering with the building construction!

Come tell us about your connections with this congregation!

Come just to be with us to celebrate God's blessings!

You are invited! Program at 3:00 with reception to follow.

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**Mark your  
calendars!!**



**219th Church of  
the Brethren  
Annual Conference  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>**

*in Peoria, Illinois (our District is  
hosting)*

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**Illinois & Wisconsin 2005 District  
Conference**

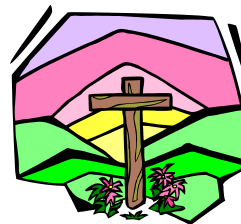
November 4-6, 2005  
Springfield Church of the Brethren  
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Springfield, IL 62703  
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**YAC** The Church of the Brethren Young Adult Conference will be at Camp Woodland Altars in Ohio from May 27-29. This year's theme: Provoking Love and Good Deeds. More info at: <http://www.brethren.org/genbd/yya/yac.htm>

Visit your District Web site at  
<http://www.iwdcob.org/>



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