

## They Filled Twelve Baskets

Over the years when hungry folks gather together, it's not been unusual for me to help cook for hundreds of people at a time. In these "feedings" we try to plan to come out about even with the food—to have enough, but not too much left over at any given meal. This is called "good planning" and helps to eliminate waste and unnecessary expense. Hungry folks come at each mealtime to be fed and to satisfy their hunger. We feed for life—filling tummies with food to live.

Not so with the Lord. Jesus is all about abundance—providing over and above what's needed for living. Twelve baskets overflowing with more than was needed!

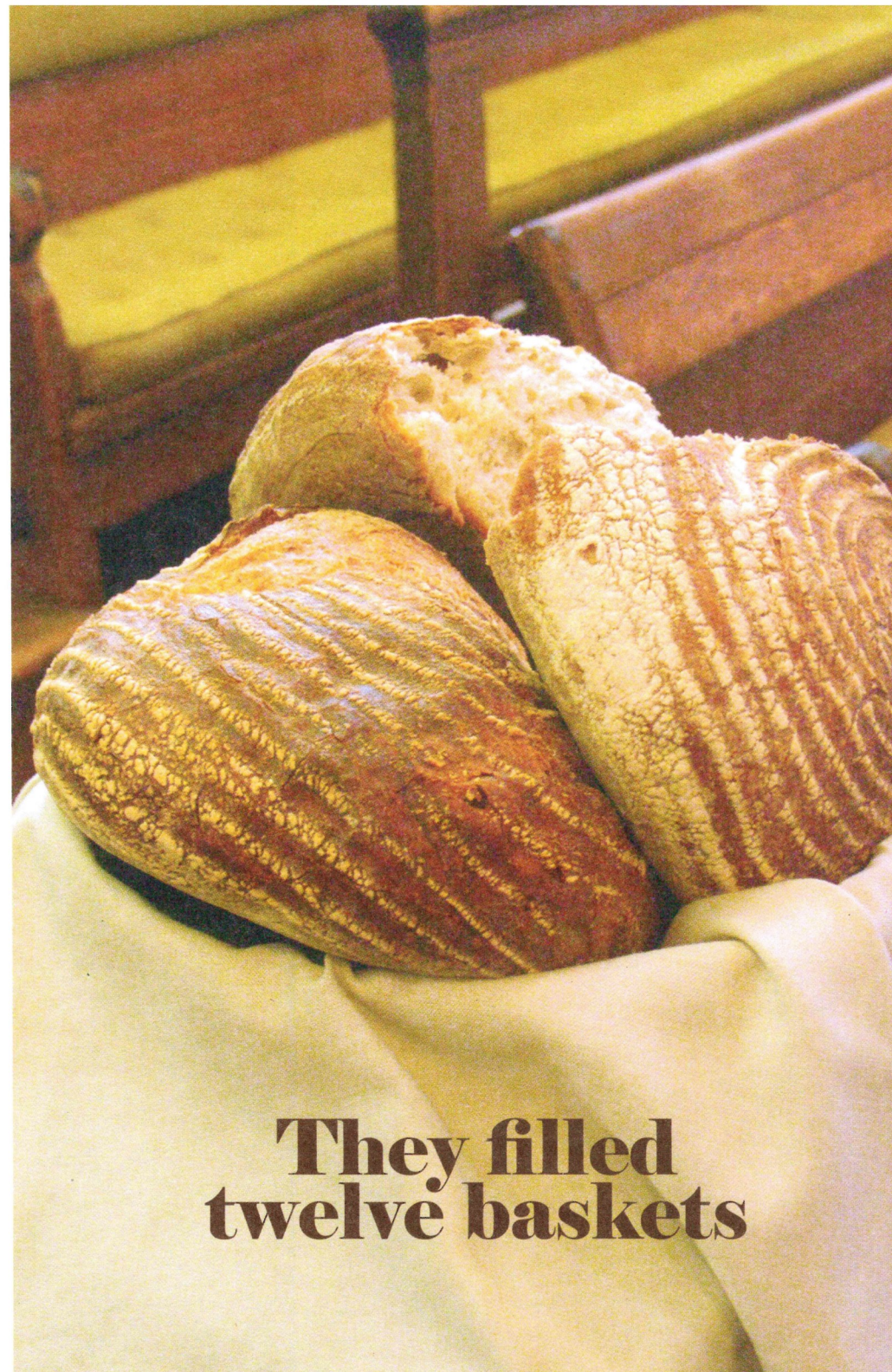
Several places in scripture Jesus talks about "more" and "over and above" what one would expect. In Luke 6:38 Jesus says, "Give and it will be given to you . . . pressed down, shaken together, running over . . ." In Mark 10:29-30 Jesus explains that whatever we've given up "for my sake and for the sake of the good news" we will "receive a hundredfold," and, keeping us humble, "with persecutions" as well. The good shepherd in John 10 gives life abundantly. The concept of loving enemies and those who hate you is, in a sense, "more."

Jesus is the bread of life (John 6:35), feeding us with life bread. The life that lives in love for God and neighbor is the abundant life Jesus offers and to which he calls us. Don't settle for the bread *for* life when you can have the Bread of Life—abundantly!

—Arlene Kindy

North Manchester, Indiana

"So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, *they filled twelve baskets*" (John 6:13, *NRSVue*). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** 2 Samuel 11:1-15 and Psalm 14; 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21.



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# Hanover Church of the Brethren

July 28, 2024

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9AM - 1 PM

**Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God**

Video Introduction

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Here I Am, Lord" Village Quartet  
*(by Daniel L. Schutte, arranged for quartet by Jack Schrader. Copyright 2017 by OCP)*

Call to Worship Blue Hymnal 856

Opening Song Blue Hymnal 42  
"All People that on Earth do Dwell"

Centering Prayer

**God, Dear God, we ask that you fill us with your Spirit of love and unity among believers all across this nation. We ask for your help to set aside our differences and look to the greater cause, the cause of Christ. We ask that you would help us to truly live a life of love. We know that this is only possible through the power of your Spirit, so we pray for your Spirit to move across our land in fresh ways. Turn your people back to you. Draw others to come to know you. Thank you that you are always with us to give us great purpose and hope. We pray for our families, for every relationship most dear to us, that you would guard our time, and our lives together. We ask for your ability to quickly forgive hurts, for a renewed heart of compassion, for love and faithfulness to be evident in every decision and action. In Jesus' name, Amen!**

\*Hymn of Worship Praise medley *on screen, guitar*

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 65:12-13 Pew Bible 823

Offering Meditation

**Lord, you have been so good to us! You have given us more than we need and have promised to take care of us. Please accept these gifts and offerings as a way we can say we love you back, and use them to Your glory and our neighbors' good! Amen!**

Prayer of Blessing

Children's Story Millie Baker  
*Sing "Jesus Loves The Little Children" (Red Hymnal 421) as the kids come forward.*

Children's Church *very 2nd and 4th Sunday*

Sharing of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Hymn "Joyful Joyful" Blue Hymnal 71

Morning Prayer

Special Music "It Is Well With My Soul" Village Quartet  
*(by Horatio Spafford and Philip Bliss, arranged by Robert Sterling. Copyright 1999 by GlorySound)*

Scripture Nehemiah 8:10 Pew Bible 694

Message "Get a Milkshake" Pastor Mark

Hymn of Response "You Shall go out with Joy" Blue Hymnal 427

Benediction

Sending in Praise Closing chorus *on screen*

Postlude

*\*Please stand if you are able*

(Village Quartet: Brad Nicholas, Andy Hershey, Dick Deaner, Jim Replogle)

## Assisting Us Today

<u>Pastor</u>	Mark Bowyer
<u>Music Director/Pianist</u>	Roxie Schloyer
<u>Organist</u>	Bev Wolf
<u>Worship Leader</u>	Jason Konopinski
<u>Deacons of the Month/Welcomers</u>	Dick & Sue Ambrosius
<u>Head Usher</u>	Roger Bollinger
<u>Bulletin Board</u>	Cindy Goodling

## Announcements

**August Newsletter:** Pick one up in the lobby.

**Special Council Meeting:** Today, July 28 after the service.

**Bread of Life:** Will resume in September.

**Wednesday Line Dancing:** August 7 & 21 at 2:00 pm.

**Water Day:** Sunday, August 11 during the service. Kids, remember to bring your bathing suit and towel.

**Blessing of the Backpacks:** Sunday, August 18. Christian Ed will also be collecting school supplies for Children's Aid Society.

**New Line Dance Class:** Another Line Dancing class has begun and is meeting Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

**Cross Keys Village Car Show:** The car show will be held at Cross Keys Village on Saturday, August 10 from 9 am to 1 pm. See Cindy Goodling for a registration form.

**Chicken Barbeque:** The 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chicken Barbeque will be held at Cross Keys Village on Saturday, August 10 from 10:30 until the dinners are sold-out. Please see Cindy Goodling.

**Vital Ministry Journey** is returning this Fall! This is a small group discipleship opportunity for YOU to grow deeper in your faith and get to know your brothers and sisters better. Groups of 5-7, youth through adults, will meet 6 times over 3 months. Meeting dates, places and times will be chosen by each group. The Theme: "My Witnesses" based on Acts 1:7-8. Each session will include a Bible passage to discuss and sharing questions to answer together. Sign-ups coming soon!

## **VISITORS**

*Welcome to our service today!*

*We encourage first time visitors to fill out a pink card located in the pew rack and take it to the Welcome Center after worship.*

*Restrooms are available at the back of the sanctuary (handicapped accessible with baby changing station), outside the fellowship hall at top of ramp and on our lower level (down the stairs near the entrance, then to your right).*

*The Calm Room in the back of the sanctuary is available for families to use if you need a quiet, private space for children.*

*Hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher.*

## Please Uplift in Prayer

### **Hanover Hall**

Esther Brown - Room 117A

### **Country Meadows**

Bonnie Berwager - Apt 311

### **Spring Creek Rehab**

Sonja Bankert

### **Utz Terrace**

Evelyn Dickensheets

**Homebound:** Miriam Mills, Dale Sullivan, June Dennis

**Others:** Edna Markle, Mary Ann Amspacher

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## Activities This Week

Sunday, July 28

SS - 9:00 am/Worship - 10:30 am

Special Council

Monday, July 29

Line Dancing - 6 pm

AlAnon - 7 pm

Tuesday, July 30

AA - 8 pm

## Upcoming Activities

Sunday, Aug 4

SS - 9:00 am/Worship - 10:30 am

Monday, Aug 5

Line Dancing - 6 pm

AlAnon - 7 pm

Tuesday, Aug 6

AA - 8 pm

Wednesday, Aug 7

Line Dancing - 2 pm

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## Stewardship Last Week

**Attendance:** Sunday School - 30 Worship - 80

**Giving:** General Fund - \$1,858 Lawn Mowing \$20

Building Rental - \$112 Electronic Sign - \$15,000

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