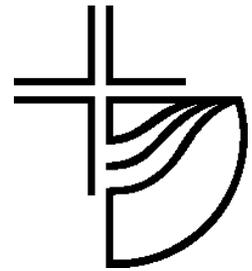


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of May 20, 2018

Peacefully, Simply, Together



Prayer Concerns

We hold in our hearts and in our minds all the thoughts, joys and concerns from this past week. In sharing our concerns we create deeper relationships with one another and with God. In a spirit of compassion and acceptance, please keep these spoken concerns with you in the coming days.

Within our faith community:

- ◆ We pray for those people who aren't able to join us in worship due to the on-going health challenges or their current physical limitations. Those people include: **Lois Roop, Dwight & Helen Farringer, Ken Frantz, Dorothea Williams and Guy Buch.**
- ◆ We pray for **John Dome** and his family on the death of his mother, Norma Dome, on Tuesday evening, May 15. Services were Saturday, May 19.
- ◆ We pray for the family of **John Crumley** who died late last week in Polo, Illinois. Service arrangements are pending.
- ◆ We pray for **Vernon Miller** who is continuing to receive hospice care.
- ◆ We pray for **Zakaria Bulus** who is gone for the summer. He will be traveling to Nigeria for 2 weeks of EYN meetings and to be with his family. In early June he will travel to Washington DC to work at the Washington Office with Nate Hosler.

May all these people know God's full-ness and grace.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Emmanuel Baptist** as the Deacon Board prepares special services and weekday prayer times approaching their 54th anniversary the first of June. Prayers for justice and peace highlight this time.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Kokomo Church of the Brethren**, for their congregation, their pastor and their mission in the community. We also pray for the **Puerto Rico District** and their District Executive, Jose Calleja Otero.

- ◆ We offer our prayers for **Esther Usman**, that she might have a sense of God's love as she continues to heal from her captivity. We also pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN.**
- ◆ We pray for all victims of the immense violence occurring in Gaza and the West Bank, for those who mourn the loss of loved ones and for those who are injured without access to proper medical care. We also pray for Israelis living in fear, for Palestinians living with daily oppression and for the safety of those who work for peace and justice.
- ◆ We pray for the students, teachers & staff, families and the community of Santa Fe, Texas following the most recent school shooting. May God's comforting presence surround them all.
- ◆ We pray for peace in around the world, in our communities and within our hearts

On Call: Karen Eberly

Home: 982-8420; Cell: 578-1247

Pastors' Schedules

Kurt ~ Tuesday through Friday
Karen ~ Monday through Thursday

Office Hours

9:30-4:00 Monday-Friday; closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch.
The church is open at 9:30 for walkers.
Phone: 260-982-7523

Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 21

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Tuesday, May 22

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool Zoo Field Trip
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Room 213

Tuesday, May 22 continued

- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220
- 7:00 p.m. Witness Commission Mtg - Room 213

Wednesday, May 23

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Solar Energy Open Meeting - Conf Room

Thursday, May 24 Red Cross Blood Drive

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive - FLC
- 5:30 p.m. Narthex/Kitchen/Conf Rm in use - MSO
- 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Choir - Choir Room

Friday, May 25

- 9:30 a.m. Last Day of Preschool
- 10:35 a.m. Video Series about the Apostle Paul - Timbercrest Chapel
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Saturday, May 26

Sunday, May 27

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: Guest Preacher, Al Hohl
Equipped to Speak - Empowered to Risk
Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8
Special Music:
Robert Lynn & Elizabeth Smith
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Narthex in use until 9:00

Directory Changes

Thrift Shop Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10am-4pm
Saturday 10am-1pm
Closed Sunday & Monday

Annual Conference 2018...Living Parables

Check out things to do while you are in Cincinnati
www.brethren.org/ac/2018/in-cincinnati/things-to-see-and-do.html

We will live stream the Sunday morning service July 8.

Stay informed at www.brethren.org/ac/2018

Cal Pipil T-Shirts on Sale for \$20.00!

All proceeds support Cal Pipil through Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel. Stop in at the church office or at the table in the Narthex on Sunday for more information.

Deadline for VBS Registration is May 27!!



Monday, June 11– Thursday, June 14

Registrations are available at the church and on the church website.

Volunteers are still needed!

Contact Megan Sarber
megsarb@gmail.com

Helping Children Cope with Death

There are many books parents can use to help children cope with death. Several of these can be found in our church library or in the public library downtown. A list of helpful books can be found on the credenza in the church Narthex or at the childcare sign up table in the Narthex on Sundays.

Childcare During Worship

There are openings for helpers in the nursery during church two different Sundays in June. Men, women, and teens are all welcome to apply! Just sign up at the table in the Narthex after church. Thanks for your help with this important ministry.

Bell Choir Interest?



Much of our music for bell choir allows us to play 5 octaves if we have enough players. We would really like to play this beautiful music! We are especially in need of players who are strong enough to play the large lower bells. However, we welcome all who are interested in playing as we can adjust to bell weight that is comfortable for everyone. If you are interested or have questions, please send a simple note to Bev Eikenberry: bjeikenberry@yahoo.com or 982-0709

Women's Choir will begin Rehearsing This Week!

The Women's Choir will be singing in worship on June 3. Practices are **May 24 & May 31 at 7:00** in the choir room.

The Men's Choir will be singing in worship on June 10. Practices are **May 31 at 7:45 & June 7 at 7:00** in the choir room.



Please join us!

Dear Manchester Friends,

Graham and I would like to sincerely thank you for all your prayers, kindnesses, and best wishes as I struggled with multiple health problems during the late fall and winter. As an "energizer bunny" it was very hard for me to just sit and do nothing for months on end. At this point my previous 2011 GIST sarcoma that reoccurred in the fall and metastasized to my liver is **in remission**. Praise the Lord! After months of coughing, my lungs seem to be clear and I am truly enjoying God's glorious creation during this wonderful spring.

Without your love and support our journey might have been even more difficult. Again, we appreciate your caring concern and many prayers that have sustained us through a long winter.

Sincerely,
Lana and Graham Groombridge

Last Video Series about the Apostle Paul

Friday, May 25 ~ 10:35am ~ Timbercrest Chapel

The Nurture Commission's final showing of "The Challenge of Paul" will be Friday, May 25 at the Timbercrest Chapel. All are invited to come to learn more about this controversial man.

Within our Community...

Thrift Shop Needs Children's Clothing

The thrift shop is in need of children's clothes **sizes 3-6x**. Summer clothes are in demand but all will be accepted!
108 South Mill St. (see page 2 for shop hours)

EvenSong

Wednesday, May 23 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel

"Celtic Evening Liturgy/Iona Abbey"

Led by Laura Stone

Questions? Call Liz Hoffman Bauer, 260-306-1690

Everyone is Welcome!

Movies at Timbercrest

You're invited to join Timbercrest residents for their FREE monthly movies at 7pm in the Assembly Room:

◆ **Monday, May 28 ~ Maudie**

Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189



Haiti Pure Water Project

An opportunity for us to be helpful!

At the April 26th Seniors for Peace Program Brad Yoder presented the Church of the Brethren sponsored project to improve the availability of pure water to the rural inhabitants of Haiti.

The Church of the Brethren has a project to raise \$147,000 by the end of this year to install filtration purification systems and collection cisterns for community use in Haiti. The project is well underway.

A Timbercrest resident has committed to MATCH the contributions of other residents, and friends, toward this goal, up to \$1000.

You are invited to make a contribution.

Any amount is welcome!

Make checks out to (Timbercrest) Seniors for Peace and put them in the TC mail addressed to our treasurer, Ernie Barr, by May 31, 2018.

The Seniors for Peace Steering Committee and Timbercrest administration have approved this fundraising effort. Thank you for your generous donations!

Within our District ...

Evaluation of District Ministries

Greetings from the South Central Indiana District Board,

For the last year we have been working at a means of gauging the health of our district, including what we're doing well and what we might be able to do better, and **that means we need your input**. You are invited to provide feedback through a simple survey via this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/scind-memb2>.

If you are unable to access the survey electronically, you may obtain a paper copy and have your feedback included through the district office. All responses will be collected by a consultant who is working with the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry, and evaluated with the board followed by a report to the district at large.

Survey feedback concludes at the end of the day on Friday, June 1.

Thank you for your prayerful participation.

26th Annual Conference on Ministry with the Aging

Tuesday, June 5 ~ 9am-3pm

Towne House Retirement Community

2209 St. Joe Center Road, Ft Wayne

Registration forms available at the church office

Register before May 29

Questions? Contact Rev. Douglas Vogal,

DougV@TowneHouse.org ~ 260-969-8012

Brethren Voices Program "Marching For Our Lives"

Sunday, May 27 ~ 4:30 pm
Channel 57 for Comcast / Channel 27 for Frontier or
www.YouTube.com?Brethrenvoices

Indiana Center for Middle East Peace Events

Tuesday, May 22 ~

"US Church solidarity with the Palestinian Call for Justice"
Tarek Abuata, Executive Director of *Friends of Sabeel*
North America
Plymouth Church ~ 501 W Berry St. Ft Wayne ~
9:45-11:15am

Tuesday, May 22 ~

"The Bible, Justice, and the Israel-Palestine Conflict"
Rev. Naim Ateek, founder of *Sabeel Palestinian Liberation*
Theology Center, Jerusalem
Plymouth Church ~ 501 W Berry St. ~ 6:30 pm

Friday, June 1 ~

"Ali Paris in Concert to Benefit the Children in Palestine"
\$20 at the door/ \$15 in advance/ \$5 student / under 12 free
Plymouth Church, 501 W Berry St. ~ 6:30pm

Saturday - Sunday, June 2-3 ~

"ArabFest 2018 - A Celebration of Arab Hospitality
& Culture"
Rothchild Pavilion ~ Headwaters Park, Ft Wayne ~
12:00pm

Camp Mack Corner



There are only 17 days until our first summer campers arrive! **31 Counselors, 3 Medical Staff, 3 office positions, & 3 lifeguards** are still needed for this summer.

Please consider helping!

www.campmack.org 574-658-4831

May 31-June 2 ~ S/C IN Women's Retreat

June 14-16 & July 29-31 ~ Grand Camps

The Camp Mack Festival is a little over 5 months away, but it is time to start thinking with your church or community groups about food booths that you can bring to the festival. Interested? Email Sue Freel at suefreel@kampco.com

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