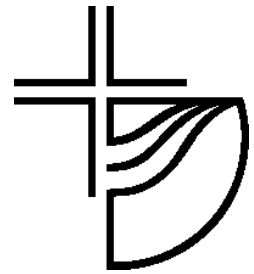


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of May 6, 2018

Peacefully, Simply, Together



Prayer Concerns

We hold in our hearts and our minds all the thoughts, joys and concerns that have influenced our lives in this past week. Sharing our concerns with each other in worship creates deeper relationships with each other and with God. In a spirit of compassion and understanding, please keep these prayer concerns with you in the coming week.

Within our faith community:

- ◆ We pray for those people who aren't able to join us in worship due to their on-going health challenges or their physical limitations. Those people include **Miriam Rusher, Francis Barr, John & Esther Hamer and Kenneth & Rose Marie Miller.**
- ◆ We pray for **Vernon Miller** hospitalized at Parkview Regional Medical Center.
- ◆ We pray for **Dorotha Williams** who is now receiving hospice care.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Emmanuel Baptist.** We pray for Augusto Cotto, Director of the National Police in El Salvador. He is committed to human rights for all Salvadorans and assigns special task forces to work in protecting communities from violent gang activity.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Huntington Church of the Brethren.** The Huntington congregation asks that we pray for them to be united as a body of Christ and work together in doing God's ministry. We pray also for the **Western Pennsylvania District** and their District Executive, Bill Wenger.
- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN,** as they continue to live with the fear and reality of Boko Haram attacks and violent clashes between herdsman and farmers. We pray also for **Esther Usman.** May she experience healing of body, mind and soul.

- ◆ We pray for the people in Hawaii who are dealing with the after-effects of the volcano eruption and the earthquake.
- ◆ We pray for all people in the world who daily experience violence.
- ◆ We pray for peace in the world, in our community and in our hearts.

On Call: Kurt Borgmann

Home: 901-6110; Cell: 901-1851

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 7

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Center Décor - Room 213

Tuesday, May 8

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Room 213
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220
- 6:00 p.m. Narthex/Kitchen in use
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Property Commission - Staff Room

Wednesday, May 9

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Pastors' Lunch - Timbercrest
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Solar Energy Open Meeting - Conf Room

Thursday, May 10

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 9:30 a.m. CBWF - Narthex
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 6:30 p.m. "Unclouded Day" Rehearsal - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Stewards' Commission - Staff Room

Friday, May 11

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 10:45 a.m. Video Series about the Apostle Paul - TC Chapel
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 5:30 p.m. MU Choir bake sale prep until 9:30 - Kitchen

Saturday, May 12

- 10:00 a.m. MU Choral Dress Rehearsal until noon - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. MU Choir bake sale prep until 4:00 - Kitchen

Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Jesus prays for you*;
Pastor Kurt
Scripture: John 17:6-19
Taizé & Bell Choirs
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
Melodia Choir Practice
- 3:00 p.m. MU Spring Choral Concert - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Narthex in use until 9:00

Adult Class Updates

Koinonia Class ~ Marie Willoughby will be leading the class during May. The theme is "Praise for Creation".

Questers Class ~ May 13, 20 ~ *The Luminous Web* with Wilbur McFadden and David Waas

Directory updates!

Di Wion's email address
dlrpw@gmail.com

Annual Conference 2018...

BBT Fitness Challenge ~ 5K race ~ July 7 ~ 7am
Visit the BBT website for more information.
Go to www.brethren.org/ac/2018 to stay informed!!

Note: 2019 AC will be held in Greensboro, NC July 3-7

50 Year Wedding Anniversary...save the date!

You are invited to help Jeff & Jeannie Trachsel celebrate their 50 years of marriage at an open house.

Saturday, June 9 ~ 1-4 p.m. ~ Narthex

No gifts, please.

Your presence will be your special gift to us!

Childcare During Worship

Your help continues to be needed in **Childcare During Worship** for May 27 and any Sunday in June or July.

Since October of 2017 there have been 35 Sundays. That means 105 volunteers...three per Sunday. During those eight months about 50 people have helped in this ministry, half of them more than once. Six have helped from 4-8 times. From the Nurture Commission,

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

The need will always be there. Stop by the Nurture table in the Narthex before or after Worship to volunteer an hour of your time for our children. You will enjoy getting to know the children in our congregation and provide a special service to their families.

Sunshine Seekers...The Solar Questers!

May meetings ~ 7:00 pm ~ Conf Room

May 9 ~ Solar Energy Systems LLC,
Nappanee with Brian Borkholder at
<http://solarenergysystemsllc.com/>

May 23 ~ Johnson Mollah, Indianapolis with Eli Hannoy at
<http://johnsonmelloh.com/>



We Invite You to Join the Men's or Women's Choir !

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.



**Update on the search for
Pastor of Youth Ministry & Congregational Life**

The pastoral search committee is beginning to review applications for Pastor of Youth Ministry & Congregational Life. Potential pastors apply through District Executive Beth Sollenberger, including those who are actively searching for positions through the denominational process and those who were recommended by members of the congregation and invited to submit applications. Progress is slower than anticipated, but is gaining traction now. In the mean time, David Hupp and Becky Kreps are providing leadership for senior high youth on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour, and Joel Eichenauer and Lori Zimmerman are serving as interim Senior High youth group coordinators. Senior High youth are poised to attend National Youth Conference this summer. For the Junior High youth, Dave Sollenberger continues as Sunday School teacher and Andrea Espeset and Loyce Borgmann are designated as Junior High youth coordinators for other activities. Eighth grade youth will attend a workcamp this summer in Brooklyn, New York, while sixth graders will attend a work camp in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



Register & Sign up to help ...VBS!

Monday, June 11– Thursday, June 14

Registrations are available at the church
Contact Megan Sarber if you can help!!
megsarb@gmail.com

Video Series about the Apostle Paul

**Friday, May 11 & May 25 ~ 10:35am
Timbercrest Chapel**

The Nurture Commission's showing of "The Challenge of Paul" continues at the Timbercrest Chapel at 10:35 on Friday, May 11 and May 25. In this video series John Dominic Crossan discusses what he's learned about Paul's work within the Roman Empire. All are invited to come to learn more about this controversial man!

All are welcome for this hour of video and discussion.

Help us SAVE Energy & Money

Please turn off the lights in the rooms as you leave them, especially if you are the last person/group in the building. That includes restrooms and closets. Then...please take a minute to walk through the building one more time. You would be amazed at how many lights are still on every morning when we arrive at the church to open!

MU Choral Concert

Sunday, May 13 ~ 3:00 ~ Sanctuary
Free will offering ~ Bake Sale

Helping Children Cope with Death & Dying

Sunday, May 20th ~ Sunday School Time ~ Rm 211

The Nurture Commission is beginning a series of workshops on issues related to death (logistical planning, support/nurture, grief, etc.). The first session will be how to talk with children as they cope with death. Please join the Pathfinders and Jubilee classes to learn more about this topic that impacts both children and adults in our community of faith.

Within our Community...

Rotary Pancake Day



Tuesday, May 8 ~ 6am-1pm ~ Scout Hall

Pancakes with sausage or scrambled eggs
coffee, juice, or milk (free applesauce 11-1)
\$7 Adults ~ \$4 children ~ under 5 free
Carry out available
Proceeds benefit community projects

Shepherd's Center Spring Programs

May 9~ Town Life Center

- ◆ **9:00-10:05** ~ CURRENT EVENTS ~ David Waas, Retired MU History Professor
- ◆ **10:15-11:00** ~ ADVENTURES IN LEARNING ~ Mystery Guest!

EvenSong

Wednesday, May 9~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel

"Gather Favorites"

Led by Mark Eastway

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:

- ◆ **Friday, May 18** ~ *The Case for Christ*
 - ◆ **Monday, May 28** ~ *Maudie*
- Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189



Message from the Chamber of Commerce

The office received a call concerning a disabled resident who needs help renovating their deck. Their current deck is unsafe for his motorized scooter. If you could help with this project, please contact the N Manchester office.

Adrienne Kamphues 982-7644

nmcc@northmanchesterchamber.com

Save the Date for Welcome to my Garden!

Manchester Main Street's 2018 Garden Walk

June 16 ~ 9am-3pm

Within our District ...

District Conference!

Saturday, September 15 ~ Grandview CoB

Moderator Cindy Dunk will be leading us with the theme "Love is a Command" based on John 13:34.

Camp Mack Corner

May 11-12 ~ Counselor/CIT Training

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

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

Check out the flyers on the Tower in the Vestibule for more information or contact the camp directly at:



www.campmack.org

574-658-4831

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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