

# Manchester Church of the Brethren

## NEWSLETTER

Week of October 7, 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. As we share further concerns and joys in this community of faith, even as you hold what you bring into prayer, we have a greater awareness of our connectedness one to another and the enduring presence of God in our lives.

#### Within our faith community:

- We celebrate the marriage of **Peg Wieland** and **Chuck Bell**. Peg and Chuck were married Saturday in our chapel. We pray for their continued journey in life together to be filled with love and happiness.
- We pray for those people who aren't able to join us in worship due to their on-going health challenges or their current physical limitations. The list includes **Lois Roop, Dwight and Helen Farringer and Dorothea Williams**.
- We pray for **Teresa Clingaman** as she seeks God's direction for her life in the midst of the loss she is experiencing due to her mother's death.

May all these people know the depth of God's presence in their lives.

#### In the wider community:

- We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist. We pray for the Directors and teachers of the Bible School in these weeks of planning and recruiting. This is a valuable program that focuses upon environment, justice and service to one another.
- We pray for the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, **EYN**. We pray for their continued work at the healing of lives and the rebuilding of congregations.
- We join the other churches in our District to pray for **Manchester University**—for the students, professors and staff as they work to learn and grow...and for **Timbercrest Senior Living Community**—for the residents and staff as they move through this time of transition.

- We pray for the **Elizabethtown and Ambler Churches of the Brethren** and for the Atlantic Northeast District. A policy proposal came to their district conference directed at punishing congregations that practice full inclusion like Elizabethtown and Ambler. The proposal was defeated at the district conference because they did not reach the 2/3 vote threshold but there is a lot of division in the district and other districts regarding these matters.
- We pray for the **people of Indonesia** who, in little over a week, have suffered the devastation of an earthquake, a tsunami, and a volcanic eruption. For those who have lost loved ones we offer prayers of comfort in the midst of their grief.
- We pray for healing and peace around the world and in our own lives.

### Pastor 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, October 8

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

4:00 p.m. FLC in use until 6:30

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Commission— Staff Room

**Tuesday, October 9**

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 10:30 a.m. Staff meeting - Staff Room
- 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. Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Education Commission-Library
- 7:30 p.m. Parish to Parish Committee at Eikenberry's home
- 7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC
- 8:00 p.m. Property Commission-Staff Room

**Wednesday, October 10**

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Pastors' Lunch- Timbercrest
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. PMPC-Room 213

**Thursday, October 11**

- 9:00 a.m. CBWF-Narthex
- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. FLC in use until 6:30
- 6:30 p.m. Soccer meeting-Narthex
- 6:30 p.m. Taize Choir-Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission-Staff Room
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

**Friday, October 12**

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 1:00 p.m. Narthex in use until Saturday evening-Morrow

**Saturday, October 13**

Building in use until 5:00 pm - Morrow

**Sunday, October 14 Receiving New Members**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *The Heavy Treasure*  
Pastor Kurt  
Scripture: Mark 10:17-31
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal hosted by Youth and families
- 1:00 p.m. Fall Council Meeting-Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Service Project-meet at church
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Narthex in use

**Jubilee Class**

- October 14** ~ No SS ~ Youth parents host Fellowship Meal
- October 21** ~ MCoB Story Corps with Dorothea Fry Mason
- October 28** ~ No SS; Manchester Schools fall break
- November 4** ~ MCoB Story Corps with Elton Skendaj
- November 11** ~ MCoB Story Corps with Pat Price
- November 18** ~ MCoB Story Corps with Wilbur McFadden

**All Things Considered Class**

- October 14**~ David Doudt sharing about his future trip to Nigeria and work with the Montessori preschool
- October 21**~Lamar Gibson, Development Director at On Earth Peace. Our youth will be joining us

**Questers Class**

**October 14- 28** ~ Paul video (John Dominic Crossan) , The Questers invite everyone to join them in the chapel for this series.

**Outreach Offering for Puerto Rico BDM**

Brethren Disaster Ministries has been working in Puerto Rico ever since hurricanes Irma and Maria caused massive destruction in 2017. It is not too late to contribute to support constructions and ongoing case management and others costs related to these efforts. Envelopes are available at the church office.



**Fellowship Meal & Fall Council Meeting Oct 14**

The Youth are hosting a Baked Potato Bar in the FLC at noon Sunday, October 14. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

**Then join us for the Fall Council Meeting in the Sanctuary at 1:00.**

**Goats or Rabbits?**

Do you like goats or rabbits? If so, maybe you would like to help sponsor one of these animals at the Living Gift Market on **November 10**. You would set up a display to advertise the benefits of the animal. If interested, contact **Jim Myer** at: [jmyerdw@yahoo.com](mailto:jmyerdw@yahoo.com) or 982-6343.

**And then Mark Your Calendars!**

**Heifer International Live Gift Market  
November 10 ~ TC Assembly Room**

**Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry and  
Congregational Life**

In a unanimous vote, the Manchester Church of the Brethren called Seth Hendricks to the position of Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry and Congregational Life on September 30, 2018. Seth will move to North Manchester by the end of the year and begin his new employment on January 2. Seth grew up in Iowa and Indiana and has been serving a Church of the Brethren congregation in Southern Ohio for nine years. He attended Manchester University and Bethany Theological Seminary. Music is a major interest of Seth's, which he offers in the course of his ministry, as well as many other gifts. Seth and his wife Laina have three children: Ezra (9), Wren (4), and Arie (1).



**News from Peace Patch Preschool**

We are a little over a month into our school year. There are ten students in our three year old class and nine students in our four year old class. All nineteen students are enjoying learning with fellow students and Miss Andrea and Miss Alyson.

We appreciate your support in our preschool ministry and are grateful for your support. There are a couple of items we could use this school year: containers of sanitizing wipes and paper plates.

Thanks again for your continuing support!  
Kathy Garber, Director

**Childcare during Worship**

Are you able to:

1. Read a short book out loud?
2. Put together a 10 piece puzzle?
3. Rock in a rocking chair?
4. Blow bubbles?
5. Roll a ball?

Any one of the above qualifies you to be on the three person team for childcare during worship! Team members are needed for **October, November, and December**. Sign up after worship in the Narthex, or call the church office.

Let our children and their parents know you care

**Wall hanging to display in the church office**

Thank you to Bea Knarr for providing a summer theme quilt hanging to display in the office. Does anyone have a fall hanging you would allow us to display?

**Children during Worship**

We welcome all children in worship! We also offer other options for children as needed.

- ♦ The nursery is available for infants and children until they are in kindergarten.
- ♦ Clipboards are available to pick up by the doors of the sanctuary for older children to use during worship.
- ♦ Please note there is no supervision in other areas of the church such as the Family Life Center or the Peace Patch during worship. For the safety of our children, if you choose for your child not to be in worship, we ask that you accompany and stay with them outside the sanctuary.

**Sr High:**



**Oct 14** ~ Sing in worship & host the Fellowship meal.

**Oct 14** ~ Afternoon service project

**Oct 21** ~ Sunday School will be with the All Lamar Gibson with On Earth Peace

**Oct 21** ~ Evening Cookout & campfire at Hupp Browns

**Jr High:**

**Nov 9 ~ 6:30** Maybe a game night? Starting at the church...hosted by the Lahman family

Stay tuned for more information!

**Within our Community...**

**EvenSong**

**Wednesday, October 10 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel**  
Led by Marie Willoughby, Laura Stone & Brian Daniels  
"Songs and Stories"

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, Oct 19 ~ *The Greatest Showman***  
Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

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### Amal: When Hope Endures Art as Therapy with Syrian Refugees

**August 24 - November 14 ~ MU Switzer Center**

They are children of war. They have lost their homes, their cities, and their families. Orphaned children are struggling to find themselves and their place in this world. Many of them have lost their ability to communicate. Many have hearing loss which also robs them of their voice. "Hearing the Call" works in the Syrian refugee camps in Jordan to not only partially restore their hearing but help try to reconnect them to the world. Through the Art Initiative, kids have been able to open up and express themselves and their feelings.

Paintings made by these children will be on display in Gallery G which is on the 2nd floor of the Switzer Center at Manchester University.

For more information, please contact Anne Gregory at 260-982-5285 or [aggregory@manchester.edu](mailto:aggregory@manchester.edu).

## **Camp Mack Corner**

### Upcoming Events:

**October 13-14 ~ Father Son Retreat**

**October 17-21 ~ Quilt Retreat**

**October 22-25 ~ Seasoned Citizens Retreats**



Check out the flyers on the tower in the Vestibule!

## **Within our District ...**

### Next BLI Class...Biblical Interpretation

**Saturdays ~ October 27, Nov 10 & 17 ~ 9am-4pm**  
**taught by Tim Mophew & Craig Alan Myers**  
**Marion Church of the Brethren**

### Compelling Vision Process

Our denomination is in the middle of some important discussion. They are called the Compelling Vision Process. I encourage you to learn more at the Church of the Brethren website(<http://www.brethren.org/ac/compelling-vision.html>), and I ask you to participate in one of the two discussion opportunities planned for our district:

**Saturday, November 10 ~ 3:00-5:00 ~ Anderson CoB**  
**Sunday, November 11 ~ 2:00-4:00 ~ TC**

Please keep these district meetings and the Compelling Vision Process in your prayers and attend one of these meetings to be a part of the conversation.

Carol Spicher Waggy

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### 2019 Brethren Disaster Participation

South Center District is scheduled to help with recovery projects on the following dates: Feb. 3-9 (7 volunteers); Mar. 10-16 (15 volunteers), Sept. 8-14 (15 volunteers); Dec. 1-7 (7 volunteers). The February and March dates will likely be located in Lumberton, NC which has once again sustained significant damage.

There is a need for construction leaders and household managers in Puerto Rico for this fall and into next year. Conditions are challenging. Getting homes livable will be top priority before heavy construction.

Contact Cliff Kindy if you are willing and able to help at: [kindy@cpt.org](mailto:kindy@cpt.org) or call 260-982-2971.

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