

# Manchester Church of the Brethren

## NEWSLETTER

Week of April 1, 2018

Peacefully, Simply, Together



### Prayer Concerns

We hold within our hearts all the joys and sorrows that have influenced our lives this past week. Sharing prayer concerns within this community of faith is one of the ways we continue to deepen our relationships with each other and to God. In a spirit of compassion and understanding, please keep these spoken prayers 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 their ongoing health challenges or their physical limitations including: **Raymond Johnson, Vernon Miller, Joann Hoover, Louise Williams, Becky Waas** and **Doris Miller**.
- ◆ We offer prayers for **Teresa Clingaman's** mother, Mae Johnston, who is receiving physical therapy to gain her strength.
- ◆ We offer our prayers for recovery to **Aydn Bucher** who had back surgery Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Aydn is the daughter of **Brian & Lucy Bucher**, the granddaughter of **Barry & Diana Bucher** and the great-granddaughter of **Eloise Eberly & Darlene Bucher**.
- ◆ We pray for **Wilbur McFadden** who is hospitalized in Denver, Colorado following a fall on Sunday morning in which he broke his leg.
- ◆ We pray for **Rich Wion** who sustained injuries following a single vehicle accident on Sunday, April 1. Rich is hospitalized in Fargo, North Dakota.

May each of these people know the comfort of God's presence in the days to come.

#### *In the wider community:*

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for the worship leaders and Pastor Miguel as they challenge their individual members to trust God's Holy Spirit to fill each person in their congregation to know healing, comfort and the hope that comes from celebrating new life and peace in the Risen Christ.

- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the staff, students and faculty of **Bethany Theological Seminary** and their Board as the Board gathers for meetings April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. May they have clarity and vision.
- ◆ We offer prayers for **Esther Usman**. May she know hope for the future in her life of freedom.
- ◆ We also pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, for their continued ministry to their congregations.
- ◆ We pray for Ahd Tammini, the 17 year-old Palestinian activist, who was imprisoned in December for slapping and kicking an Israeli soldier. Ahd and her mother, Nariman received eight month sentences in an Israeli military prison and should both be released in July.
- ◆ We pray also for those injured and the families of those killed in Gaza during the March of Return protest recently. 17 Palestinians died and over 1400 were injured when Israeli forces responded to the protest march with tear gas, rubber bullets and live ammunition.
- ◆ And in the midst of the violence around the world, we join others to pray for peace.

#### On Call: Karen Eberly

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#### Pastors' Schedules

Kurt ~ Tuesday through Friday  
Karen ~ Monday through Thursday  
Jim ~ Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

#### Office Hours

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

#### It's Messenger Renewal Time!

Please check in with Peg at the name tag table or during the week at the church office to see if it is time to renew your subscription!

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, April 2

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Center Décor - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Property Commission - Staff Room

### Tuesday, April 3

- Preschool Spring Break
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 3:00 p.m. Library in use until 5:00 - Chinworth
- 3:00 p.m. Nurture Commission - Conference Rm
- 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

### Wednesday, April 4

- Preschool Spring Break
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

### Thursday, April 5

- Preschool Spring Break
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

### Friday, April 6

- Preschool Spring Break
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 5:00 p.m. Building in use - Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday, April 7

- Building in use until 4:00 - Wedding
- 11:00 a.m. Room 211 in use until 1:00

### Sunday, April 8

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *For the common good*,  
Pastor Jim  
Scripture: Acts 4:32-35; Ecclesia Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 6:30 p.m. Coffee House; New Community Project  
with David Radcliff - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. AI-Anon - Room 213

### Upcoming for the Questers' Class

**April 8 ~ Raymond Johnson's Devotions for Inmates**  
with Ruthann Angle

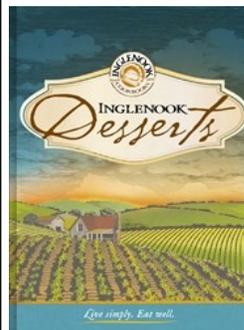
**April 15 ~ "Who is a Christian"?** Interviews of New York Times reporter Nicholas Kristof with former president, Jimmy Carter, Catholic Cardinal Joseph Tobin, and Evangelical Pastor Tim Keller

with Wilson Lutz

## Thank you!!

It takes a village to raise a child...well; it takes an amazing Church Family to set up, serve, & clean up for our Love Feast. We have that! Thank you for all of your help!

Jeff Trachsel



### Last Chance to order an Inglenook Desserts Cookbook at the discount price

The cookbook will only cost \$18 IF we place our order **before April 9**. Call the church office or sign up in the Narthex **Sunday, April 8**.

### Coffeehouse with David Radcliff

**Sunday, April 8 ~ 6:30pm ~ Chapel**

David Radcliff of *The New Community Project* will be with us for an evening coffeehouse. David will give updates on his work with an emphasis on NCP's efforts with the Batwa people, S. Sudanese refugees and projects in Nepal. Info on NCP's Learning Tours will also be available. David will also be on campus **Tuesday, April 10** as the guest speaker for the weekly **7 pm chapel service held in Petersime Chapel**.

### Jim begins a New Chapter...

**Sunday, April 15 ~ 10:45 am ~ Narthex**  
Please join us as we celebrate Jim's Retirement!

### Childcare During Worship

Your help continues to be needed in **Childcare During Worship**. There are still openings for sign-up! Stop by the Nurture table in the Narthex after worship to volunteer an hour of your time for our children. You will enjoy getting to know the children in our congregation.



### Preschool Spring Program

**Tuesday, April 24 ~ 6:15 pm ~ Sanctuary**  
Music /slides at 6:00

### Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Have you signed up to join us? It's not too late!!

On **Sunday, April 22nd**, the Fellowship Commission is scheduling potluck dinners from **5:00-7:00 pm** that are full of surprises.

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" is an event designed for Manchester Church of the Brethren folk to become better acquainted. The premise is a group of "hosts" entertains a random and secret group of guests!

If you are interested in this event, please sign up in the Narthex during Fellowship time **this Sunday!** You will need to indicate if you would like to be a host, a guest, or either. If you are signing up to be a host, you will need to indicate how many guests you can accommodate. If you are signing up to be a guest, you will need to indicate how many will be attending from your family. Or you may contact Judi Orr at judi\_orr@yahoo.com.

The tighter the secret, the more fun!

This is a kid friendly event!

### Video Series about the Apostle Paul

**Friday, April 13, April 27, May 11, & May 25 ~ 10:35am**  
**Timbercrest Chapel**

The Nurture Commission is showing a video series about Paul, a very influential force in shaping Christianity.

Some see him as a saint. Others feel he abandoned the teachings of Jesus to form a theology *about* Jesus. In this video series, John Dominic Crossan puts Paul in his own time and reflects on his work and influence. Crossan is a theologian and scholar of early Christianity, with extensive work in anthropology and early Christian sources.

All are welcome for this hour of video and discussion.

Please direct any questions about this series to Jo Ann Schall, 260-901-0139.

### Sunshine Seekers...The Solar Questers!

Those interested in "putting the power of the sun to work" will continue to explore how our church can use photovoltaic energy to be good stewards of God's Earth.



Please join us! **7:00 pm ~ Conference Room**

**April 11 ~ Ag Technology** with Jim & Mike Straeter from Rochester, IN at <http://www.agtechnologiesinc.com>

**April 25 ~ Performance Services** with Ryan Stout at <http://www.performanceservices.com/indianapolis>

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

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

**June 13 ~ final one**, more info later...



### **Senior High Youth....**

**Sunday, April 15 ~ Lunch at Anna's**

**Sunday, April 22 ~ Youth Sunday**

**Sunday, May 20 ~ Senior Send off ~**

Church Courtyard ~ 6:00 pm

### **Junior High Youth ...**

#### **Jr. High Youth ask for MORE "odd jobs"!!!**

- ◆ Have a spring clean up project?
- ◆ Need something removed from your basement or attic?
- ◆ Need that flower bed cleared?
- ◆ A stack of wood moved?
- ◆ Old shrubs dug up?



The Junior High Youth have time to take some more odd jobs for **Saturday, April 14**. Please be in touch with Ron Karg, Becky Kreps, or Jim Chinworth if you have some work for them to do.

The group plans to start about **8:30/9:00am** and work until early afternoon.

Donations will be accepted to help with their two work camp experiences this summer; one in Brooklyn, NY and the other in Harrisburg, PA.

We would like to hear from you by **Wednesday, April 11** so we can plan the day.

### **Mark your Calendars for Camp Mack Sunday!**

Join us **Sunday, August 26**

Worship, Lunch, & Afternoon Activities!

### **Within our Community...**

#### **Shepherd's Center Winter/Spring Programs**

**April 4 ~ Town Life Center**

- ◆ **9:00-10:05 ~ Current Events ~ Shree Mujander**, Associate Professor of Economics & Depart Chair; "The Economics of Robotics"
- ◆ **10:15-11:00 ~ Adventures in Learning ~ David Kiser**, Genetic Testing

#### **EvenSong**

**Wednesday, April 4 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel**

"Guess Where I Am"

Led by Brian Daniels

Brian, annually, joins an eye care unit in El Salvador  
Questions? Call Liz Hoffman Bauer, 260-306-1690

Everyone is Welcome!

**N Manchester Historical Society Presents**  
**Elaine Sholty as Caroline Scott Harrison**

*wife of President Benjamin Harrison*

**Monday, April 9 ~ 6:30pm ~ TC Assembly Room**

**Empty Bowl Fundraiser for Heifer International**

**April 28 ~ 11am-1pm ~ MU Mall**

Food, handmade bowls, music,  
door prizes, kids' activities

Suggested donations: \$5 students & children \$10 others

**IMPORTANT NEWS from**  
**ONE WORLD HANDCRAFTS, Inc.**

By now, most of you should have received either a hard-copy letter or an e-letter thanking you for your support last year and asking for your continued support this year.

Our Spring mailing is later than normal so many of your memberships may have already expired. If you are not sure what date is on your membership card, just call 982-8540 and ask the shopkeeper to check for you. And, if you are new to our community, please consider joining our fair trade mission to help artisans and growers worldwide, including the USA.

We hope that 2018 membership checks will be heading our way soon.

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, APRIL 29th.**

**Main View is again sponsoring  
a Sunday Benefit Dinner in our honor.**

The menu is Beef & Noodles w/ mashed potatoes, green beans, & roll **OR** Fiesta Salad w/ or without chicken. Adult price is \$7, ½ meal for Senior or Child (under 12) \$4, and piece of pie for \$2. Drink is included in meal prices.

**Please make a trip to Main Street and join us!**

The shop will be open from 11am - 2pm that Sunday if you'd like to stop in after enjoying the dinner.

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

**Biblical Authority Conversations**

**April 23-25 ~ Hueston Woods Lodge & Conference  
Center ; College Corner, Ohio.**

Open to pastors and ministers, other congregational leaders, & interested church members...

Brochures are available from the district office, or in the March district newsletter which is available at

[http://www/scomdcpb/prg/March\\_2018.pdf](http://www/scomdcpb/prg/March_2018.pdf)

**Robert Cohen Speaking on**  
**"It's kosher to boycott: A Jewish journey to**  
**Palestinian solidarity"**

**Thursday, April 12 ~ 6:30 pm**  
**Plymouth Congregational Church**

Please plan to come and bring a friend.

L. Michael Spath, DMin, PhD  
Indiana Center for Middle East Peace  
(<http://micahsparadigmshift.blogspot.com/>)

***Camp Mack Calendar of Events!***



**April 2-4 ~ Volunteer Work Days**

**April 18-22 ~ Quilt Retreat**

**April 24-25 ~ Pastor's Sabbath**

**April 28 ~ Container Gardening Get-a-Way Day**

**April 28 ~ Target Sports Get-a-Way Day**

**April 29 ~ Wildflower Walk Get-a-Way Day**

**May 3-5 ~ Birdwatcher's Retreat**

**May 5 ~ Canoe the St. Joe Get-a-Way Day**

**May 6 ~ Run/Walk & Kids' Fun Run**

**May 7-10 ~ Seasoned Citizen's Retreat**

**May 11-12 ~ Counselor/CIT Training**

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

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

[www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org) 574-658-4831

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