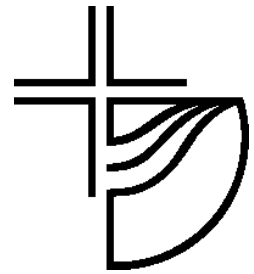


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of April 15, 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 with 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 on-going health challenges or their physical limitations including: **Alice Frantz, Grace Metzger, Doris Snell, Joan Deeter** and **Evelyn Niswander**.
- ◆ We pray for **Joann Butterbaugh** who is hospitalized at Parkview Regional Medical Center.
- ◆ We pray for **Jean Wolf** who has returned to Timbercrest to continue to gain strength following a recent hospitalization.
- ◆ We pray for **Rich Wion** who is now home continuing his recovery.
- ◆ We pray for **Mel & Anita Sautter** on the death of Mel's mother, Kathryn Sautter, on Sunday, April 15th.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray also for Pastor Miguel and Sister Lidia as they struggle with issues of health while seeking to carry the heavy responsibilities of ministry.
- ◆ We join others in our District to pray for the staff and Board members of **Brethren Benefit Trust** as they gather this next week for their Board meeting.
- ◆ We pray **Esther Usman**. Four years ago yesterday, April 14, Esther was kidnapped by the Boko Haram. We also pray for the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria.
- ◆ We pray for peace.

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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.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 16

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Tuesday, April 17

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
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Circle of Trust - Room 213
7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, April 18

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
7:00 p.m. Executive Board - Conference Room

Thursday, April 19

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
6:30 p.m. Camp Mack Financial Board - Conf Rm
7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

Friday, April 20

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Saturday, April 21

11:00 a.m. Room 211 in use until 1:00
Youth Practicing in afternoon - Sanctuary

Sunday, April 22 Youth Sunday!

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: "Bound Together: Clothed in Christ"; Youth lead us
Scripture: Colossians 3:12-15
Youth and Bell Choirs
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
Melodia Choir Practice
- 12:00 p.m. Senior High Lunch at Anna's House
- 5:00 p.m. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

Upcoming Combined Adult Classes

Sunday, April 29 ~ Hymnody with Nancy Faus

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.

It's Messenger Renewal Time!

Please check in with Peg in the Narthex before/after church or during the week at the church office to see if it is time to renew your subscription! **Deadline is April 23!**



Save the Date for Peace Lab VBS!

Monday, June 11- Friday, 15

Volunteer sign ups and more details coming soon!!

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.

Spring Cleanup is This Saturday!!

Saturday, April 21 ~ 9:00 am ~ OUR CHURCH YARD!

If you want to dig in the dirt but your yard/garden is already set for Spring, COME JOIN the Property Commission as we clean beds and spread mulch around the church . We will start around 9 and go until we are done or can't go any more! Bring your favorite garden tool and get reacquainted with it as we help care for God's earth on our church property.

Thanks, Property Commission



Preschool Spring Program

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

"Unclouded Day" arr. by Shawn Kirchner

Just a reminder that if you are joining the Taizé Choir to sing this amazing song on Sunday, May 13, we still have some copies of the song available in the church office for you to use. Stop in and pick one up...

Senior High Youth....



**Sunday, April 22 ~ Youth Sunday ~
Lunch at Anna's
Sunday, May 20 ~ Senior Send off ~
Church Courtyard ~ 6:00 pm**

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

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/>

June 13 ~ PSG Energy Group, Pittsboro, IN with Tim Pitts at <http://psgenergygroup.com/>

Video Series about the Apostle Paul

**Friday, 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.

Within our Community...

Volunteers for Meals-on-Wheels Needed!

PLEASE spread the word that we need volunteers for our Meals-on-Wheels office and more drivers! AND/OR could you be a volunteer?!

We would like an office volunteer who can work one day per week from 10:30-12:30 (usually just answering the phone and doing simple office tasks). The office staff would also like a couple substitutes for when one of them is gone.

Please call our MOW office at 982-6010 and talk with one of the volunteers about what is needed!

Shepherd's Center Spring Programs

April 18~ Town Life Center

- ◆ **8:30-9:20 MEDTALK** ~ TBD
- ◆ **9:30-10:30** ~ ADVENTURES IN LEARNING ~ Ahmed Abdelmageed, MU Assistant Dean, College of Pharmacy; "*On the Politics of the Mideast*"

EvenSong

Wednesday, April 18 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel
"*The Power of the Staff*"

Led by Erin Huiras

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, April 20** ~ *Darkest Hour*
- ◆ **Friday, May 18** ~ *The Case for Christ*
- ◆ **Monday, May 28** ~ *Maudie*



Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

NM United Methodist Church Dinner

Friday, April 20 ~ 4:30-7:00 ~ 302 E 2nd St.

Menu: Baked steak, green beans, mashed potatoes/gravy, salad, dessert, drink.

\$8 adults ~ \$5 children (7-12) ~ 6 and under free
Carry-out available

Garber-Simmons Silent Auction

Friday, April 20 ~ 6:00-7:30 pm ~ TLC; 603 Bond St

Please join us for our annual Silent Auction Benefit. The event will consist of the silent auction, refreshments, door prizes, and raffles.

The event is FREE and open to the public!

Empty Bowl Fundraiser for Heifer International

Saturday, April 28 ~ 11am-1pm ~ MU Mall

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

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

Benefit Dinner for One World Handcrafts!

Sunday, April 29 ~ 11:00-1:00 ~ Main View



The menu is Beef & Noodles w/ mashed potatoes, green beans, & roll

OR Fiesta Salad w/ or without chicken.



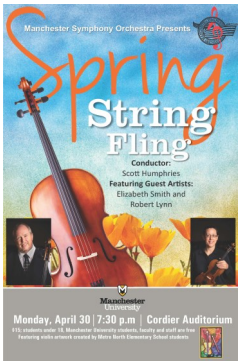
Adult price: \$7

½ meal for Senior or Child (under 12): \$4

Piece of Pie: \$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.



Manchester Symphony
Monday, April 30 ~ 7:30 pm
Cordier Auditorium at MU
 MSO Chamber Strings
 play your favorite string music!
 Free for youth 18 & younger ~
 \$15 for adults

Benefit Lunch for MELC

Sunday, May 6 ~ 11:00-1:00 ~ Main View

The Manchester Early Learning Center thanks you for your continued support of our children!



Within our District ...

Update from Larry Lesh

The Brethren Voices program on April 22 at 4:30 on access channel 57 (Comcast) and 27 (Frontier) features Gimbiya Kettering, Coordinator of Intercultural Ministries for the Church of the Brethren. This group's purpose is to call each person to more fully follow Christ's example of loving all people.

Biblical Authority Conversations

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

Brochures are available from the district office, or in the March district newsletter which is available at http://www/scomdcpb/prg/March_2018.pdf

Mark your Calendar for the 51st S/C District Women's Camp!

Thursday, May 31 - Saturday, June 2 ~ Camp Mack

- ◆ Key Speaker: Verna Davis
- ◆ Lodging: Sarah Major & W Cabins
- ◆ Fees: Full-time; \$120 ~ Part-time; \$75 ~ One day; \$40

Registration deadline is April 27. Forms & more information about camp is available at the church office.

Brethren Disaster Ministries Update

- ◆ MO project is now closed; it is moved to Lumberton, North Carolina for a rebuilding project after Hurricane Matthew. S/C Indiana District is responsible for 15 volunteers Sept 9-15. Nov 25-Dec1 we share the 15 positions with the ILWI District.
- ◆ Projects are coming together in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated those islands and it may be at least another year before government organizations can begin the rebuilding process on family homes. BDM is jump starting the case management stage and hopes to begin rebuilding soon. Cleanup may start in April in the Virgin Islands. Puerto Rico will open initially with CoB families and then expand. Housing and tools will be provided for volunteers who travel to PR or VI.

Volunteers are needed! Questions or willingness to volunteer...contact Cliff Kindy at 260-982-2971.

Camp Mack Calendar of Events!



- 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 574-658-4831

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