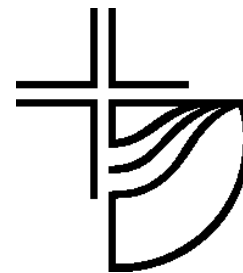


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of April 22, 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 celebrate with **Jody Sarber** for his running and completion of the Boston Marathon. In extreme weather conditions Jody finished in the top third of all the runners entered.
- ◆ 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, Doris Snell, Evelyn Niswander, Grace Metzger** and **Joan Deeter**.
- ◆ We pray for **Joann Butterbaugh** who has returned to Crestwood in Timbercrest following a recent hospitalization.
- ◆ We pray for **Mildred Dietzel** who is now in Timbercrest Healthcare for further rehabilitation.
- ◆ We pray for the family of Harold Christie who died Friday, April 20. Harold was the father of **Cathy Gatchel** and the grandfather of **Ella & Leah Gatchel**. Service arrangements are pending.
- ◆ We pray for **Teresa Clingaman's** mother, Mae Johnston, as she pursues further tests and treatment.
- ◆ We pray for **Mel & Anita Sautter** on the death of Mel's mother, Kathryn Sautter, late Sunday night, April 15th. The Memorial Service is Thursday, May 3rd.
- ◆ We pray for the family of **Bob Hollenberg**. Bob died Tuesday evening, April 17th. The Memorial Service for Bob was Sunday, April 22 at Timbercrest Chapel.
- ◆ And we pray for the family of **Joann Hoover** on her death Wednesday evening, April 18. Visitation will be on Wednesday evening, April 25th, from 4:00 to 7:00

at McKee Mortuary. The Funeral Service is on Thursday in the Timbercrest Chapel at 2:00, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

May each person and family held in prayer know the comfort of God's love.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for the ministry to Youth that takes place 6 days a week in the Youth Houses in Cal Pipil, Montepecke, Soyopango, Las Cruces and Berlin. These houses provide fellowship and safety as well as education in music, English, cooking and computers. Cal Pipil has over 60 young people involved in their programs.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District this morning to pray for the **Guernsey Church of the Brethren** as they continue their pastoral search. The Guernsey Church is located west of Monticello. We pray also for the **Middle Pennsylvania District** and their District Executive, David Banaszak.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman**. May she gain healing and wholeness each day. We pray also for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**.
- ◆ We pray for all those people who experience violence in their lives.
- ◆ And we pray for peace around the world.

On Call: Kurt Borgmann

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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.
Phone: 260-982-7523

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 23

Biblical Authority Conference at
Hueston Woods through April 25
1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Tuesday, April 24

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
2:00 p.m. Historical Committee - Library
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220
6:15 p.m. Preschool Program - Sanctuary
6:45 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, April 25

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
4:00 p.m. Visitation for Joann Hoover until 7:00 -
McKee Mortuary
7:00 p.m. Solar Energy Open Meeting - Conf Room
7:00 p.m. Witness Commission Mtg - Room 213

Thursday, April 26

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
1:00 p.m. Visitation for Joann Hoover with service to
follow at 2:00 - Timbercrest Chapel
6:30 p.m. "Unclouded Day" Rehearsal - Chapel
7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

Friday, April 27

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
3:00 p.m. FLC is not available until 2:00 Saturday

Saturday, April 28

10:00 a.m. Building & Memorial Garden in use until
2:00
11:00 a.m. Room 211 in use until 1:00

Sunday, April 29

9:30 a.m. Worship: *Pruning, growing, and
bearing fruit*, Pastor Kurt
Scripture: John 15: 9-17
Melodia Choir

Sunday, April 29 continued

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:45 a.m. Christian Education
Peace Patch Gathering
Combined Adult Sunday School;
Hymnody with Nancy Faus Mullen
1:00 a.m. Fundraiser for One World - Main View
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

Come Join Us This Sunday!!

Hymnody ~ Nancy Faus Mullen ~ 10:45 ~ Sanctuary

This will be an inspirational sharing of hymns.
All are Welcome: Singing Voices & Listening Ears!

Preschool Spring Program

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

The 2018 Directory is In!

You may pick up the 2018 Directory at the church office or in the Narthex on Sunday. Note that this is not the pictorial directory. Please send corrections to the church office and there will be updates each week in the Newsletter. Please make the changes in your Directory as you receive them so you will have the correct information to use throughout the year.

Page 2: Ernie Barr; egbarr90@gmail.com
Page 5: Robbie Bucher; 108 not 180 Surrey Lane
Page 11: Art & Ellen Gilbert; PO Box 501
Page 13: Please remove Bob Hollenberg
Page 14: Please remove Joann Hoover
Page 21: Alice Newcomer; PO Box 501

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.

"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...

With deep affection...

I am grateful for the kind and heart-felt words shared at the recognition on April 15; more than a bit weepy seeing the pictures of competent, capable, caring young people; and deeply moved by all your expressions of support and appreciation. It has been a meaningful 11+ years together that has been filled with all those things that are beyond words. You are a wonderful congregation and I have been honored to journey with you, and look forward to a new and different relationship when the time is right. "For what is my hope or joy or crown of boasting before the Lord Jesus at his return? Is it not you? Yes, you are my glory and joy!" (1 Thess. 2:19-20).

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Pastor Jim

Sunshine Seekers...The Solar Questers!

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 Harnoy at <http://johnsonmelloh.com/>

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

June 27 ~ Werner Electric, Appleton, WI with Richard Henes at <https://www.wernerelctric.com/>

Riverbridge Electric, North Manchester with Dave Migliorini at <http://www.riverbridgeelectric.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.



Save the Date for Peace Lab VBS!

Monday, June 11- Friday, 15

Volunteer sign ups & details coming soon!!

Video Series about the Apostle Paul

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

All are welcome for this hour of video and discussion.

Our New Custodian

In case you didn't know...Karen Terflinger is our new Custodian! Her focus is keeping our church clean & setting up for events! She works 20-25 hours each week normally on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday along with unlocking the church on Sunday morning. Maintenance issues are reported and handled through the church office and our Property Commission depending on the job that needs to be done. We are happy to have Karen with us!!

Executive Board Update

The Executive Board met April 18 to move forward several items of agenda. In addition to regular reports from the commissions and a monthly finance report, the Board received an update on the good progress of the pastoral search process and approved a contract for a professional redesign of the church's website to improve appearance and functionality for staff and members.

In response to a request from the District Executive to provide highlights of an important ministry in our congregation for use at District Conference, the Executive Board chose a focus on the rich activities of our youth ministry.

The board will meet Sunday, May 20, for a short retreat to think creatively about strategic planning. The focus of the retreat will be board training in the planning strategy method called Asset Mapping, which will then be used in small group settings throughout the church in a months-long process to generate ideas and actions for emerging ideas well up out of our many gifts and talents rather than the traditional practice of problem solving.

And, lastly, the board approved a transfer of membership out of the congregation.

Preparing for Annual Conference 2018?

Go to www.brethren.org/ac/2018_business where you will find all kinds of helpful information including links to business items and the ballot, as well as an Annual Conference briefing video.

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...

Volunteer Needed at the Thrift Shop!

We have had a volunteer to mow the yard at the **Thrift Shop** for several years and we appreciate his service. However, he can no longer help us.

The Fellowship of Churches is asking for someone to take over the mowing. Mowing at both locations is needed...the new location on Market Street and the current one on South Mill Street.

Ride / walk mowers and gas are provided.

Please contact Mary at 982-4592 if you can help!

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 25 ~ Town Life Center

- ◆ **9:00-10:05** ~ CURRENT EVENTS ~Leonard Williams
MU Political Science Professor
- ◆ **10:15-11:00** ~ ADVENTURES IN LEARNING ~
Ruth Angle; *Civil Rights Tour*

EvenSong

Wednesday, April 25 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel

"Everything's Coming Up Spring" w

with Linda Immel

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



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

Fundraiser Lunch to Benefit MELC!

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

Choose from

Hawkins' Family Farm Broasted Chicken

Scalloped Potatoes / Green Beans / Roll



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OR

Taco Salad

Adults \$7 ~ 1/2 meal & Child \$4 ~ Pie \$2

**Please help us continue to provide quality Childcare
and
Education for our Young Children!**

**Voices of Palestinian Resistance
In memory of Rachel Corrie**

Joe Catron, International Solidarity Movement
Thursday, April 26 ~ 6:30pm
Plymouth Congregational Church UCC
501 W Berry St, Fort Wayne
Free, open to the public

Within our District ...

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.

Mark your Calendars for 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.

Global Women's Project

Announcing our annual Mother's Day Project!

Rather than buying more material gifts for your loved one, express your gratitude with a gift that helps other women around the world. Your donation allows funding for projects focused on women's health, education, and employment.

In return, your chosen recipient will receive a lovely, handwritten card indicating that a gift has been made in her honor with a brief description of GWP.

If you would like to honor a woman in your life in this way, please mail it to

Global Women's Project
c/o Tina Rieman
508 Miami St
North Manchester, IN 46962
(make checks payable to GWP)

Camp Mack Corner



**Camp Mack's 5th Annual
5K Road Run & Walk
Sunday, May 6th**

Registrations are available at the church office or contact Deb Roe at Camp; 574-658-4831/
debra@campmack.org

Camp Mack Applications Needed:

We are in need of 7 Summer staff, a Waterfront Director, 42 counselors, and healthcare persons for the summer. Contact us ASAP if you are interested!!

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

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 sue-freel@kampco.com
