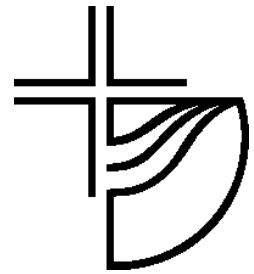


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of April 8, 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 for worship due to their on-going health challenges or their physical limitations including: **Miriam Rusher, Francis Barr, Kenneth & Rose Marie Miller** and **John & Esther Hamer**.
- ◆ We pray for **Wilbur McFadden** who has returned to Timbercrest Healthcare following a recent hospitalization in Denver.
- ◆ We offer prayers of continued healing to **Aydn Bucher**, daughter of **Brian** and **Lucy**. Aydn returned home last Thursday, April 5.
- ◆ We pray for **Rich Wion** hospitalized in Fargo, North Dakota. Rich had a successful surgery on Thursday. Rich is scheduled to return to North Manchester this week for further recovery.
- ◆ And we pray for **Joann Butterbaugh** hospitalized at Wabash Parkview.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for the Board of Deacons as they evaluate leadership and train young leaders to take positions of trust and responsibility. May these young adults grow in wisdom and confidence as they serve.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Grandview Church of the Brethren** as they minister to those in their community. We pray also for the **Pacific Southwest District** and their District Executive, Russ Matteson.
- ◆ We offer prayers of continued healing and wholeness for **Esther Usman**. We pray also for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN** as they recently

celebrated the 95th anniversary of the church.

- ◆ We pray for peace in our country and around the world.

On Call: Kurt Borgmann

Home: 901-6110; Cell: 901-1851

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 9

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

4:00 p.m. ECR - Conference Room

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

Tuesday, April 10

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. Education Commission - Library

7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, April 11

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 Mtg - Conference Rm

7:00 p.m. PMPC - Room 213

Thursday, April 12

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool

9:30 a.m. CBWF - Narthex

1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

Thursday, April 12 continued

- 6:30 p.m. Open House for Preschool
- 6:30 p.m. Taizé Choir - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. "Unclouded Day" Rehearsal - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Stewards' Commission Mtg - Staff Room
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

Friday, April 13

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

Saturday, April 14

- Mabel Trachsel Memorial Service -
Sugar Creek Church, Ohio
- 9:00 a.m. Jr High Work Day until 1:00ish
- 11:00 a.m. Room 211 in use until 1:00

Sunday, April 15

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Joy, wonder, and disbelief*
Pastor Kurt
Scripture: Luke 24:36b-48; Taizé Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
Reception for Jim - Narthex
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 12:00 p.m. Senior High Lunch at Anna's House
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

Upcoming for the Questers' Class

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

It's Messenger Renewal Time!

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

Please join us for CBWF Thursday!

April 12 ~ 9:30-3:00 ~ Narthex

The Women's Fellowship will meet to make crib comforters for needy children.

The following are always needed:

- ◆ Cotton blend and cotton fabric for tops
- ◆ Old sheets to put between the tops and flannel backs



Bring a dish to share for lunch...unless this is your first time...you are our guest!

Call Esther Rupel at 982-1410 if you have any questions.

Jim begins a New Chapter...

Sunday, April 15 ~ 10:30am ~ Narthex

Please join us as we celebrate **Jim!!**



Spring Cleanup!!

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

The Picnic Tables are here and assembled...

SO where is the warm weather?!?!

A big THANK YOU goes out to Jeff Trachsel and his Property team of Nelson Metzger, Gary Eberly, and T Onderko for putting together the picnic tables for our new pavilion. Now...if get some picnic weather we will be all set!!



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



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...

There's still time!!!

The Junior High Youth have time to take some more odd jobs for **THIS 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.

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

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.

Within our Community...

N Manchester Historical Society Presents
Elaine Sholty as Caroline Scott Harrison
wife of President Benjamin Harrison

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

Shepherd's Center Spring Programs

April 11~ Town Life Center

- ◆ **9:00-10:05** ~ Current Events ~ David Swartz, US. State Department, Retired
- ◆ **10:15-11:00** ~ Adventures in Learning ~ Jim Townsend; *Motorcycles: Mechanical + Social Parts*

EvenSong

Wednesday, April 11 ~ 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!

MU Theater presents Spring Awakening
based on the play by Frank Wedekind

April 13-14 ~ 7:30 pm ~ Cordier Auditorium at MU

April 15 ~ 2:00 pm ~ Cordier Auditorium at MU
\$12 General Admission \$8 Students & Seniors
MU Students Free

Intended for mature audiences due to adult content

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

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

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/>)

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

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