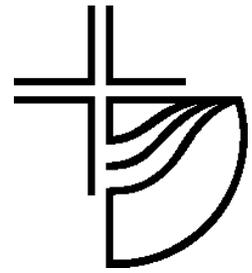


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of August 26, 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. Sharing our joys and our sorrows with each other helps us create deeper relationships with one another and with God. In a spirit of compassionate understanding and prayer, please keep these spoken concerns 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 physical limitations or their continuing health challenges. They include: **Miriam Rusher, Francis Barr, John Hamer and Grace Voorheis.**
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Hamer** who is recovering at home in the manor at Timbercrest following her recent out-patient procedure.
- ◆ We pray for **Art Gilbert** recovering in Timbercrest Healthcare following a recent hospitalization.
- ◆ We pray for **Mae Johnston, Teresa Clingaman's** mother, who continues to struggle with significant health issues.
- ◆ We pray for **Dorotha Williams** who is now receiving hospice care.
- ◆ And we pray for the family and friends of **Donn Kesler**. Donn's service was at the church this past Sunday.

May all these people know God's healing presence and comforting love.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist.**
- ◆ We join with the other churches in our District to pray for the **Northview Church of the Brethren**. We pray for the many ways their congregation continues to reach out to those who are marginalized in our society. We also pray for the **Illinois/Wisconsin District** and their District Executive, Kevin Kessler.
- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria,**

EYN, as they continue to seek the path of restoring homes, churches and families in their country.

- ◆ We offer our prayers for **Japari Gadzama** upon her successful completion of the Basic Medical Sciences MD program through All Saints University in Dominica. Japari is a member of the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria and attended the 2014 National Youth Conference. Global Missions and Service has financially supported her medical studies for the past four years. Following a time of clinical rotations, Japari will return to Nigeria to provide much-needed medical care.
- ◆ We pray for peace.

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, August 27

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
4:00 p.m. FLC in use until 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 28

9:30 a.m. First day of Peace Patch Preschool
10:30 a.m. Staff meeting - Staff Room
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220

Wednesday, August 29

9:30 a.m. Preschool
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

Thursday, August 30

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. FLC in use until 6:30

Friday, August 31

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. FLC in use until Saturday afternoon - Barr

Saturday, September 1

- 10:00 a.m. Building in use until 4:00 - Barr Reunion

Sunday, September 2

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Wash your hands or wash your heart?* Pastor Kurt
Scripture: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Narthex in use

**The church office will be closed
Monday, September 2 for Labor Day**



And so it begins...Fall Sunday School!

September 2

- Preschool - 5th Grade
- Jr High
- Sr High
- Koinonia
- Questers

September 9

- All Things Considered
- Jubilee
- Pathfinders

September 9 is also...

- Acolyte training in the Sanctuary for grades 3-5 after worship. Melodia practice will begin September 16.
- Carry-in meal at noon for the families of the children in grades Preschool - 5th

Jubilee Class

- Sept. 9** ~ MCoB Story Corps with Wilbur McFadden
- Sept. 16** ~ No SS ~ Hosting Fellowship Meal
- Sept. 23** ~ Dying Well Series with Questers
- Sept. 30** ~ No SS ~ meet the Youth Pastor candidate

Koinonia Class

Sept. 2 – Sept. 23 ~ “Birthing a New Community”
with Marie Willoughby
Persons of all ages are welcome...new persons especially!

Questers Class

Sept 2 ~ “Understanding traits and variants”, in regards to the topic, “Personal DNA analysis”
with Robert Shank and Wilson Lutz

Sept. 9 ~ Continue the topic with a comparison of “Ancestry” with “23 and me” results
All are welcome to come and understand your Brethren ancestry and medical heritage in laymen’s terms.

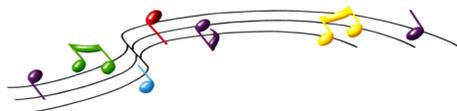
Sept 23 ~ Dying Well Series

Sept 30 ~ A series about the apostle Paul begins



The Ecclesia Choir is Back!

Rehearsals for Ecclesia Choir begin again this **Thursday, August 30** at **7:00** in the choir room. Spread the word to others who may be interested!
The choir will sing in worship on **September 9 & 23.**



Meals-on-Wheels Drivers Needed

We need drivers from 10:50-12:00 M-F. Some of our volunteers only drive once a month, while others drive every week. The routes go as far as Liberty Mills and Laketon. Drivers need to have a valid drivers license, car insurance and their own vehicle.

Please call 982-6010 if you can help!



Is this on your Calendar?

CBWF ~ September 13 ~ 9:00-3:00.
We meet the second Thursday of the month through May.



The Women’s Fellowship makes comforters for 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

Church Board Summary

At the Executive Board meeting of August 15, 2018, members acted on several substantive items. Stewardship Commission presented the first draft of the 2019 Church Budget. The board also heard a proposal for reconfiguring support staff positions to better reflect the type of work and the amount of work staff are doing. And the chair reported that a small negotiating team has been working with a candidate for Pastor of Youth Ministry and Congregational Life on the terms of a contract. If the committee and the candidate can agree on the terms of a contract, the candidate will visit the congregation on **Sunday, September 30**. The candidate will participate in leading worship and be available for questions and conversation during a specially-called congregational council meeting to call a pastor.

In regard to the process of calling a pastor, the board passed a motion asking the Council to suspend Article IV.1 of the bylaws (description of who may vote) for this meeting only, allowing anyone who is an active participant in the Manchester Church of the Brethren and is in the sixth grade or older to vote to call a Pastor of Youth Ministry and Congregational Life. The bylaws extend the privilege of voting at Council Meetings to members and associate members, which in this case excludes some youth and some adults who are the chief beneficiaries of this ministry. To make sure youth voices were heard in selecting a youth pastor, two youth members have been serving on the search committee and a dozen youth met with and interviewed the candidate. However, because the congregation encourages membership at the age at which a person is capable of the responsibilities of membership, younger youth are not yet members and are therefore not eligible to vote. The congregation also includes a number of individuals and families, including parents of youth, who are very active and supportive but who, for a variety of reasons, have not officially joined the congregation, but function in every other way as members, including serving on board and committees, teaching Sunday school, and leading worship. On **September 16**, the congregation will meet immediately after worship to consider suspending (not changing) the bylaws for this particular call. Then on **September 30**, the congregation will hold a second council meeting to call a pastor.

In other business, Al Hohl reported on behalf of Nominating Committee on the status of the 2019 slate for board and delegate positions. Karen Eberly brought names of two people who wish to have membership in the congregation. And Jan Fahs gave a positive financial report, noting that the cash reserve ratio, an indicator of financial health, is 3.30.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, September 13 ~ 12:00-6:00 ~ FLC

Food Pantry

The cupboard is bare! Let's fill it again! The youth will resume food delivery to our local food pantry this fall. Our cupboard "safe" is in the vestibule in front of the hanging quilt. There is a box inside for monetary gifts as well. Please check the expiration dates on your items first.



Feeding the Community

Deliveries will be made **September 23 & October 7**.



Sr High:

Sept. 2 ~ Worship & Sunday School

Sept 9 ~ Worship & Sunday School

Afternoon photo scavenger hunt

Sept 16 ~ Worship & Sunday School

Sept 22 ~ All church cookout & camp

out

Sept 23 ~ Worship & Sunday School; Food pantry delivery

Sept 30 ~ Meet the Youth Pastor Candidate

Jr High:

Sept 9 ~ Parent / Youth planning meeting

during Sunday School

Less than a Month away!

Saturday, September 22-23 ~ All Church Camp Out

Save the date for the second annual fall All Church Camp Out to be held on our church grounds!

- ◆ Games begin at 5:00
- ◆ Carry-in Meal at 6:00
- ◆ Campfire beginning at 7:00 with singing around the campfire s'mores more evening games and fun!
- ◆ Concludes with worship on Sunday morning



Make plans to come and join in on all of the fun or come for the parts that work in your schedule!

It's our Turn to Help!

Yes...it's our turn to head up the **Community Suppers** for September! Offering our assistance to this Manchester Fellowship of Churches ministry, our congregation is asked to be in charge of two meals for Tuesday, **September 11th** and Tuesday, **September 25th** - served in the basement of Zion Lutheran Church.

Beginning Sunday, September 2nd - Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex, and also in the following adult Sunday School classrooms: Pathfinders, Jubilee, and All Things Considered.

Please consider how you can boost this act of kindness, either by supplying a portion of food and/or volunteering to help with set-up, serving or clean up.

Questions? Please contact Laura Gable at 578-0378.

Beacon PROJECT SPOTLIGHT Grants!

Keep Voting!! www.beaconcu.org/project-spotlight

And with that said...we are pleased that the **Fellowship of Churches** is one of the groups nominated for these grants. **Manchester Early Learning Center** and **One World Handcrafts**, along with other organizations we are all passionate about, have also been nominated. Please consider taking a few minutes each day to vote!

Voting ends **September 30!**

Childcare During Worship

There are openings for **helpers in the nursery during church for this fall**. Please stop at the table in the Narthex after church to sign up!

Thanks for your help with this important ministry!



Sharing the Blessings from Raymond & Friends

Recently our congregation, through the Witness Commission, gave money to purchase fans for Raymond Johnson and some other inmates. We are receiving thank you notes and letters from those recipients. These are posted on the tower in the vestibule.

Within our Community...

Last week for the Shoe Drive!



The Edgecomb Family continues to raise funds for their adoption expenses by holding a shoe drive. If you have ANY shoes you no longer need, would you consider donating those for this family?

Bring your items to the church and drop them off in the designated SHOES FOR ADOPTION box located in the Vestibule of the church by **September 2**.

Questions? Please contact Nelda Edgecomb (260-578-8227 or Hayley Hand (260-578-1821).

Thank you for your support!

EvenSong

Wednesday, August 29 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel

“Do you love me like a Brother”
led by J. P. Freeman

Questions? Call Liz Hoffman Bauer, 260-306-1690
Everyone is Welcome!

Shepherd's Center Fall Programs

September 5 ~ 9:00 am ~ Town Life Center

- ◆ CURRENT EVENTS/Newstalk ~ David Waas, MU History Professor, Retired
- ◆ Adventures in Learning ~ John Klingler - Experiences Teaching in Saudi Arabian Higher Education

Check out our newsletter at: <http://nmshepherd.com>
Consider joining MSC. Dues are \$8 yearly.

Within our District ...

District Conference

Saturday, September 15 ~ Grandview CoB
Join us for...

- ◆ Worship
- ◆ Fellowship with others
- ◆ Reports from committees and agencies
- ◆ Insight sessions
- ◆ Dessert auction

Friday, Sept 14 District Conference

Everyone is invited to participate in...

- 1:00:** Pastoral Self-Care Worships with Dan Poole & Janet Ober Lambert
- 5:30** Fellowship and Appetizers
- 6:00** Dinner
- 7:00** Rebecca Dali brings an update about Nigeria

Register through the District Office.

Friends,

The S/C Indiana District has two weeks for which volunteers are needed. **September 9-15** there are more positions to fill and **November 25-December 1** there are six positions to fill as we share the week with the IL/WI District. Work is in both North and South Carolina doing rebuilding from flooding after Hurricane Matthew passed through a couple years ago. Volunteers will be assigned as needed that week to either or both locations though all volunteers will be staying at a Presbyterian Church in Lumberton, NC. An assistant cook/household volunteer will be needed for both dates.

What would free you up to join for part of this rebuilding effort that may continue for many months or years?

Questions? Contact Cliff Kindy
at 260-982-2971 or kindy@cpt.org

Camp Mack Corner



Upcoming Events:

- October 5-6** ~ Fun Leadership Youth Events
- October 6** ~ Camp Mack Festival
- 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
for more information!!

This is the 20th year for Camp Mack Festival on **October 6th!** We are trying to have the biggest group of churches participating. If your church has not decided yet about coming, please consider having a booth at the festival. This will be helping Camp Mack plus an excellent day for meeting old friends and making new ones.

Please feel free to email me:

Sue Freel Booth at suefreel@kampco.com