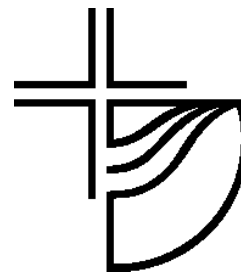


# Manchester Church of the Brethren

## NEWSLETTER

Week of February 11, 2018  
Peacefully, Simply, Together



### Prayer Concerns

We hold in our hearts and our minds all the thoughts, joys and concerns from this past week. Sharing our joys and our sorrows with one another in this community of faith is one of the ways we create deeper relationships with each other. In a spirit of compassionate prayer and understanding, please keep these spoken concerns with you in the days ahead.

#### *Within our faith community:*

- ◆ We pray for those people who aren't able to join us in worship due to their on-going health or physical limitations including: **Miriam Rusher, Vernon Miller, Francis Barr** and **John Hamer**.
- ◆ We pray for **Di Wion** who is now at Peabody Transitional Care following her double knee replacement for further recovery and rehabilitation.
- ◆ We pray for **Diana Bucher** who will be having knee replacement on Thursday, February 15.
- ◆ We pray for **Dean & Janet Kagarise** as they move from their home at Timbercrest to Brownsburg to be closer to their family.

May all these people know the comfort of God's presence in the days ahead.

#### *In the wider community:*

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for Pastor Miguel and the music & worship leadership who seek to inspire, counsel and challenge Christian growth in discipleship weekly.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Bethel Center Church of the Brethren**. May their congregation continue to seek the leading of God's spirit. We pray also for the **Michigan District** and their interim District Executive, **Beth Sollenberger**.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman** – for her continued healing as she moves forward in life. We pray also for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, as they work with the leaders of the EYN Women's Ministry to discuss livelihood programs for widows.

- ◆ We offer our prayers for the victims of violence in Syria, where civil war rages on between government and rebel forces where fighting has recently escalated. We pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones, for those who are injured and displaced and for a cease-fire so that much-needed humanitarian aid can be delivered.
- ◆ We pray for peace in our lives and in the lives of those around the world.

### On-Call: Karen Eberly

Home: 982-8420; Cell: 578-1247

### 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, February 12

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC  
4:00 p.m. ECR - Conference Room  
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Commission - Staff Room

#### Tuesday, February 13

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool  
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC  
3:30 p.m. FLC in use until 5:00 - Onderko  
5:15 p.m. FLC in use until 6:45 - Howard  
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220  
6:00 p.m. Education Sub-Committee - Library  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Education Commission - Library  
7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

#### Wednesday, February 14 Happy Valentine's Day!

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool  
12:00 p.m. Pastors' Lunch - Timbercrest

**Wednesday, February 14 continued**

1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

**7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary**

**Thursday, February 15**

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool

1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

3:30 p.m. FLC in use until 5:00 - Onderko

5:15 p.m. FLC in use until 6:45 - Howard

6:30 p.m. Taizé Choir - Chapel

7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

**Friday, February 16**

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

3:30 p.m. FLC in use until 5:00 - Onderko

5:30 p.m. Parents' Night Out until 8:00

7:00 p.m. Soccer - FLC

**Saturday, February 17**

12:00 p.m. Building in use until 6:00 - Shenefield

**Sunday, February 18**

9:30 a.m. Worship: *Forty Days*, Pastor Kurt  
Scripture: Mark 1:9-15; Ecclesia Choir

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
Silent Auction ...last chance to bid!

10:45 a.m. Christian Education

**12:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal hosted by the Choirs**

7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room

7:30 p.m. Adult Basketball - FLC 213

**Koinonia Class**

**February 18~** Ron Petry will lead the class.

**Questers & All Things Considered Class**

**February 18 ~** Nicaragua Medical Practicum  
with Jeff Osborne

**Ash Wednesday Service**

**Wednesday, February 14 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Sanctuary**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and the recognition of our humanity, our mortality and our need for penance. The service includes a time of prayer, hymns, scripture reading, reflection and a service of ashes administered by Senior High Youth.

Psalm 51:10-12 gives shape and direction with these words. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."

Ash Wednesday is a time for self-examination and preparation for following Jesus on the path of discipleship.

**Fellowship Meal is THIS SUNDAY!**

The cold weather has kept many of us indoors this winter...it's time to gather as a church family and break bread together! Come to the Fellowship meal on Feb. 18 at noon...sponsored by the choirs.

- ◆ The choirs will provide main dishes.
- ◆ Everyone else should bring a salad or dessert to share if you are able.
- ◆ If you forget a dish to share...no problem! There is always plenty for all!

**Oops...printing error with the Devotionals**

If you picked up a Lenten Devotional on Sunday, the 4th please stop back in to get a different one. We received a new shipment because there are pages missing in the one you have (March 5-13).

**Childcare During Worship**

Your help continues to be needed in **Childcare During Worship** in **March and April**. 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.

**Mentor Update**

We now have 14 mentor pairs in our congregation, with **Evan Martynowicz** and **David Sollenberger** recently joining the group!

**Registration for Camp Mack Update...Please read!**

- ◆ If you have been a camper in the past, you received a brochure in the mail which included the Registration. More are available at the church if needed.
- ◆ The church pays all for first timers / half for others!
- ◆ Deadline is **March 19** to avoid the late charge of \$30.
- ◆ Bring your registration and payment to the church office. Checks should be made out to **Manchester Church of the Brethren**.
- ◆ **If you register online...you will need to let the church office know what camps and dates your children have registered. Remember that the church pays half for returning campers and full for first time so pay Camp Mack accordingly.** We will pay the balance. If you have already paid in full, let us know and we will be in touch regarding your reimbursement.
- ◆ Questions? Contact Jeff Lehman, our Camp Rep, at 260-359-9990 or the church office 982-7523.



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

**Wednesday, Feb. 14** ~ Ash Wednesday service ~ 7:00 pm. If you are helping with the service, please be in the sanctuary by 6:15!

**Friday, Feb. 16** ~ Parents' Night Out ~ 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Be in the Peace Patch area at 5:15 pm to be ready to spend an evening with the children of our congregation.

**Sunday, Feb. 18** ~ Final Sunday for the Silent Auction. Collecting donations, clearing items, putting away tables!

**Sunday, March 4** ~ Lunch at Kelsey's House

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

Be sure to pay your NYC deposit online ([www.brethren.org/nyc/](http://www.brethren.org/nyc/)) if you haven't already!

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

**Friday, March 9** ~ Game night at Timbercrest ~ 6:30 pm  
For those who signed up for a work camp this summer, be sure your deposit has been paid!

Harrisburg Work Camp ~ June 17-21

Brooklyn, NY Work Camp ~ June 27-July 1

## **SILENT AUCTION**

### **Last Sunday...Last Chance!**

The Silent Auction to raise funds to assist in sending our **Senior High Youth to National Youth Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado** is happening right now!!

**You have one Sunday left** to bid for those items you just can't live without! Tables are set up in the Narthex with the items. Papers are placed next to these items allowing you to bid. Highest bid on February 18 will receive the item. This is a great way to show your support for our youth and to have fun finding some unique item that will make your February fabulous!

AND don't miss out on your last chance to have one of the two stained glass windows from the Walnut Street church. The windows are displayed with the other auction items in the Narthex. **For a \$25 per person per window donation, interested participants will be given a chance to own their very own MCoB piece of history!** It will be exciting to see how two of us can resurrect these long stored windows to share their beauty in a new, creative way!

### **Silent Auction Items**

Please bring cash or a checkbook Sunday in case you will be taking home any Silent Auction items. Checks should be made out to the church. Please put "Silent Auction" on the memo line.

Each year some items do not receive any bids. If you submitted items, please check to see if they have received bids. If not, your choice is to:

- ◆ Take them home with you or...
- ◆ Leave them here to be taken to the thrift store or discarded.

**The auction will close Sunday at 10:45am.** The Narthex will be cleared Sunday after the fellowship meal. The committee along with youth will be staffing the table to receive your donations and mark the forms paid.

Thank you for helping send our Senior High Youth to National Youth Conference!

### **District Youth Rally!**

**Friday, April 13 - Sunday, April 15**

Who: High School Age Youth

What: CoB Youth Rally

When: Friday evening registration 6-7 until after worship  
Sunday morning (fee \$20 before April 9 / \$24 by April 12)

Where: Anderson Church of the Brethren

Why: To connect with other youth, while having fun, considering our faith, and thinking about how we can love one another.

Contact Pastor Brian Mackie (765) 465-5960, [pastor@whitebranchcob.org](mailto:pastor@whitebranchcob.org), for more information.  
Registration form can be found on the S/C IN District web.

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

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

**February 14 ~ 9:00 am ~ Town Life Center**

- ◆ Current Events - "Current Economics Update with Matt Hendrix, Retired MU Economics Professor"
- ◆ Adventures in Learning ; 3 Historical Detective Cases presented by John Knarr

#### **EvenSong**

**Wednesday, February 14 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel**

Ash Wednesday Service

Led by Sabine Thomas

Questions? Call Liz Hoffman Bauer, 260-306-1690

Everyone is Welcome!

**N Manchester Historical Society Presents**  
**Matt Barnett as Young George Washington**

**Monday, Feb 12 ~ 6:30pm ~ TC Assembly Room**

Join us for a perfect President's Month program.

There is no cost for the program.

All are welcome!

Check out the flyer posted on the tower in the Vestibule for more information about Matt.

**Movies at Timbercrest**

You're invited to join Timbercrest residents for their FREE monthly movies at 7pm in the Assembly Room:

- ◆ **Friday, February 16 ~ Fiddler on the Roof**
- ◆ **March 2 ~ Akeelah and the Bee**
- ◆ **March 16 ~ The Zookeeper's Wife**

Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

**MU Department of Music Presents:**

**Love & Laughter**

**featuring the Opera Workshop Players**

**Friday, February 16 ~ 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, February 18 ~ 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm**

**Wine Recital Hall at Manchester University**

Tickets are :

- ◆ \$7 General Admission
- ◆ \$5 for Students 18 & under
- ◆ Free for MU Faculty, Staff, & Students

Performances include "The Merry Widow" by Franz Lehar in the style of a Marx Brothers film and scenes from "The Marriage of Figaro" by W. A. Mozart.

**Manchester Main Street Calendar**

**Arts & Gifts** at the Museum; March 9 & 10

**KenapocoMocha Coffee Shop:**

**Children's Workshop Series:**

Monster Stuffie Sculptures; March 10, 9am -12

Hannah Bumworth; Cost: \$15

Polymer Clay Miniatures; April 14, 9am -12

Ashley Sanson; Cost: \$15

**Adult Workshop Series:**

Japanese Book Binding; Feb 15 &16, 6-9pm

Jule Wall (THE HEDGE); Cost: \$40

Whimsical Watercolor Flowers; March 15, 6-9pm

Britta Glass; Cost: \$30

Cuff Bracelet; April 19, 6-9pm

Candie Cooper; Cost: \$35

**The N Manchester Public Library:**

Story Time; every Tuesday & Thursday, 11am

Evening Tales; every Tuesday, 6pm

Teen Makers & Creative Kids; Wednesdays, 3:45pm

**Warrant & Firehouse:**

The Illusionists; February 13, 7:30pm

The Price is Right LIVE; Feb 15, 7:30pm

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**Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser Lunch**

**February 18 ~ 11:30-1:30 ~ Main View**

**Manchester Symphony Orchestra**

**Sunday, March 11 ~ 3:00 pm ~ Honeywell Center**

The Bohemians - Dvořák, Smetana, Janáček

(Patron reception following the concert)

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

**Brethren Leadership Institute News**

The next **Brethren Leadership Institute** class is *History of the Church* taught by Mark Flory Steury. The dates are **April 14, April 28, & May 5**. Register any time by emailing [scindcob@gmail.com](mailto:scindcob@gmail.com) or calling 260-982-8805

**Conversations about Biblical Authority Conference**

**April 23-25 ~ Hueston Woods; College Corner, Ohio.**

Pastors are especially invited to attend this event, which is being partially underwritten by the Midwest Church of the Brethren districts and the Ministry Excellence Project, in order to keep the cost as low as possible.

The registration fee is \$75, which includes 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. The fee also includes 1.0 CEU if all sessions are attended.

Housing must be arranged directly with Hueston Woods. Double rooms are \$115.09/night including tax.

Call 513-664-3510 before March 15 to make your housing reservation.

Brochures with more details will soon be available.

**Annual Conference Update**

The ballot that will be presented to the 2018 Annual conference has been released. Topping the ballot are two nominees for moderator-elect: Paul Munday and Pam Reist. Read more at [www.brethren.org/news/2018/paul-munday-pam-reist-top-2018-ballot.html](http://www.brethren.org/news/2018/paul-munday-pam-reist-top-2018-ballot.html).

## Camp Mack Corner



### Message from Camp Mack:

For 2018, we want to encourage our Church of the Brethren congregations to consider booking a retreat at Camp Mack. Retreats can be expensive, but we have an idea to make it affordable.

Any group of your church (Sunday school, board, leadership team, fellowship, youth, entire church, etc.) can schedule available space from now through May or from August through December. If the group is willing to give three hours of volunteer service during their time here, the lodging and day fees will be waived.

If this is something you are interested in doing, please contact Deanna at 574-658-4831. We hope you'll join us!

### We are in need of Team Leaders for the following camps:

Seekers: June 3-8

Finders: July 1-6

Co-Director for Grand Camp: June 14-16

Please contact Jessica at [jessk@campmack.org](mailto:jessk@campmack.org) if you are interested in being a team leader, cabin counselor, counselor in training, medical staff, or health check in staff this summer.

### Camp Mack Calendar:

February 15-18 ~ Quilt Retreat

February 22-25 ~ Scrapbooking Retreat

March 3 ~ Team Leader Training

March 9 ~ Annual Dinner

March 9-10 ~ FYLE Weekend

March 12-14 ~ Volunteer Work Days

March 17-18 ~ Mother Daughter Retreat

### Get-a-Way Days:

February 24 ~ Scrapbooking

February 24 ~ Board Games

Check out the flyers on the tower in the Vestibule for more information or contact the camp; 574-658-4765 [info@campmack.org](mailto:info@campmack.org) or [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org)