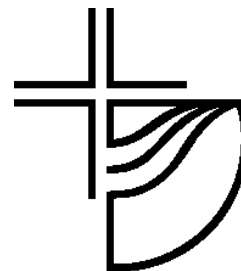


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of February 25, 2018
Peacefully, Simply, Together



Prayer Concerns

We hold in our hearts and minds all the thoughts, joys and concerns from this past week. As we share our joys and our sorrows, we seek to deepen our trust in God and to deepen our relationships with each other. In a spirit of compassion and understanding, please hold these needs within 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 or physical limitations, even as we remember their faithfulness. They include: **Lois Roop, Dwight & Helen Farringer** and **Dorotha Williams**.

May each of these people know the comfort of God's love in their lives.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for the teachers, leaders and counselors who serve in the four Youth Houses sponsored by Emmanuel in Cal Pipil, Montepecke, Soyopango and Los Cruses. The Youth Houses are so helpful for the security of children and youth.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman** as she seeks to find meaning and purpose in her new life of freedom. We pray also for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, as they serve the displaced and homeless within their country.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Buffalo Church of the Brethren** as they seek the leading of God's spirit. We pray also for the **Missouri/Arkansas District** and their District Executive, Cindy Sanders.
- ◆ We pray for all people in our country and around the world whose lives have been changed by violence.
- ◆ And we offer our prayer for peace.

On-Call: Karen Eberly

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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, February 26

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Tuesday, February 27

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
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
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, February 28

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
7:00 p.m. Library Committee - Library
7:00 p.m. Witness Commission Meeting - Room 213

Thursday, March 1

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, March 2

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 3:30 p.m. FLC in use until 5:00 - Onderko
- 7:00 p.m. Soccer - FLC

Saturday, March 3

Sunday, March 4 Blood Pressure Check

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Get out*; Pastor Kurt
Scripture: John 2:13-22
Ecclesia Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education;
Melodia Choir Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Coffee House - IBE - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Basketball - FLC 213

Directory Updates

Paul & Carol Burkett's email address
carolb623@gmail.com

Annual Conference Registration Opens March 1

Registration for both delegates and non-delegates for the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference will open on the same day, Thursday, March 1. Delegates will be registered through the church office. You can go to www.brethren.org/ac to access non-delegate registration information or you can email annualconference@brethren.org with questions.

Childcare During Worship

Your help continues to be needed in **Childcare During Worship** in **May**. 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.

Sunshine Seekers!

Are you looking for sunny days? Are you longing for the feel of the warmth of sunshine on your face? With the coming of Spring, does the power of sunshine amaze you? Are you interested in putting the power of the sun to work?



Then mark **March 14, 2018** at **7:00 pm** on your calendar! The Property Commission is putting together an exploratory committee as a follow up to a coffee house on Solar Energy and you are invited to join. The committee will explore how the Manchester Church of the Brethren can use pho-

tovoltaic energy to be good stewards of God's Earth as we go forward.

We will meet in the Conference Room. Please join us!
Jeff Trachsel, Property Commission Chair

Have you Registered for Camp?

- ◆ 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.

Children's Giving Project -

Community Partners at Manchester Elementary

The Children's Giving Project for January, February, and March is Community Partners at Manchester Elementary School. The Community Partners program creates partnerships between kindergarten through third grade students and an adult from the community. The community partner helps to support and enhance student success and experiences.

The adult mentors come to the school during the child's lunch and recess time one day each week for about 40 minutes. The students and mentors enjoy lunch together along with other activities such as reading books, playing games, talking, drawing pictures, building with blocks or Legos, or doing puzzles.

There are currently 22 mentor/student relationships. Mentors from our congregation include **Brian Cashdollar, Bev Eikenberry, Tom Hess, Jim Myer, and Jim Shively**. If you are interested in knowing more about community Partners, you may contact a mentor or **Brenda Self**.

Donations to the program will be used to purchase additional games, puzzles, Legos, materials, craft items, and for the end of the year celebration.

Thanks for your help in supporting this program for the children in our community.



Senior High Youth...

Sunday, March 4 ~ Lunch at Kelsey's

Sunday, April 15 ~ Lunch at Anna's

Be sure to pay your NYC deposit online

(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



The Senior High Youth Group would like to thank the congregation for their donations, purchases, and support as they raise funds to attend National Youth Conference this July in Colorado. Fourteen youth and advisors are planning an impactful trip and the over \$3500 raised will help with costs.

If you won an auction item, please pick it up during office hours (9:30-4:00 M-F) and make your check payable to Manchester Church of the Brethren. If you offered an item for auction that did not receive any bids, those items need claimed immediately or items will be donated to the local thrift store.

Once again, we appreciate the fun way we recycled items of value and offered our talents and skills. You helped make the 6 day youth conference attendance feasible.
Joel Eichenauer

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, 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 28 ~ Town Life Center

- ♦ 9:00-10:05 ~ Current Events ~ Leonard Williams, MU Political Science Professor
- ♦ 10:15-11:00 ~ Adventures in Learning ~ Pete & Alice Eshelman, Showing How to Feed the World in Roanoke, IN

EvenSong

Wednesday, February 28~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel

"A few of my favorite hymns"

Led by Dennis Beckner

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:

- ♦ **March 2** ~ *Akeelah and the Bee*
 - ♦ **March 16** ~ *The Zookeeper's Wife*
- Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

ECR presents Productive Communication & Conflict

Saturday, March 3 ~ 8am-noon ~ MU Academic Center

Angenetta Briner, MS Ed., facilitator

Cost: \$15 students; \$40 faculty & staff; \$50 others

Price includes cost of manual.

Register by February 26.

982-5354 or info@workitout.org for more information.

N Manchester Historical Society Presents

Harold Marks, Jr. ~ Tales of Main Street 19502-60s

Monday, March 5 ~ 6:30 pm ~ TC Assembly Room

Harold and his father operated the Marks Drug Store from 1925-1986. Harold's stories about business and life on Main Street give a fascinating picture of life in America in the middle of the last century.

There is no cost for the program

Civil Rights Trip to Memphis, TN

March 9-11 ~ 8am March 9 - returning 10pm March 11

Alumni \$250/shared room - double, \$450/single

Alumni with assistance \$100/shared room

Included: Lodging, transportation, museum entrance fees.

Contact Jamie Dowdy: jldowdy@Manchester.edu

Celebrate Spring!

**Artisan Pop-up at the Center of Arts Museum ~
March 10 ~ 10am-3pm**

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

Brethren Leadership Institute

Practice of Ministry Day

Death, Dying and Funerals

March 17 ~ 9am-3pm

Kokomo Church of the Brethren

9am-noon: Funeral Directing 101 led by Tim Yoder, co-owner and director of Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, IN.

12:00-12:30: Lunch provided

12:30-2:00: Ministry to the Dying led by Laura Stone, Director of Spirituality at Signature HealthCARE of Bremen.

2:00-3:30: Grief led by Kurt Borgmann, Pastor of MCoB and author of *The Heart of Grief*.

The event is open to all. The cost is \$50, plus \$10 for CEUs. An email to scindcob@gmail.com or phone 982-8805 will ensure enough lunch for all.

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 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.

Camp Mack Corner



We are still 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 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:

March 3 ~ Team Leader Training

March 9-10 ~ FYLE Weekend

March 12-14 ~ Volunteer Work Days

March 17-18 ~ Mother Daughter Retreat

Check out the flyers on the tower in the Vestibule for more information or contact the camp; 574-658-4765 info@campmack.org or www.campmack.org

You are cordially invited to attend

Camp Mack's Annual Dinner

March 9

Kate Warstler Dining Room

John Kline Welcome Center

6:15 Hors d' oeuvres

7:00 Dinner

\$35 per person

Preferred seating available

\$300/table for 6; \$350/table for 7; \$400 table for 8

Kindly respond by March 1.

574-658-4831 info@campmack.org

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