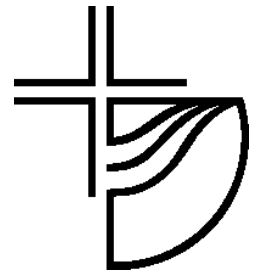


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of February 4, 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 deepens our relationships within this community of faith. In a spirit of compassionate understanding, please keep these spoken thoughts with 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 to our congregation. They include: **Raymond Johnson, Joann Hoover, Louise Williams, Doris Miller and Becky Waas.**
- ◆ We pray for **Angilee Beery** recovering at home following shoulder replacement surgery.
- ◆ We also pray for **David Young** recovering from surgery for a shoulder repair.
- ◆ We pray for **Wilbur McFadden** recovering at Timbercrest following a recent hospitalization for pneumonia.
- ◆ We pray for **Di Wion** who will be having double knee replacement surgery Monday, February 5.
- ◆ And we pray for all those people within our congregation who are facing transitions due to their physical challenges.

May all these people know the peace and comfort of God's presence in their lives.

Within the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for the children and the teachers as they begin another school year. May the new classes in the Culture for Peace program inspire youth to commit to individual ways of respect and kindness to each other in their communities.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Arcadia Church of the Brethren** as they witness

to God's love. We pray for the **Northern Indiana District** and their District Executive, **Torin Eikler**. And we pray for the South/Central Indiana District Board as they gather tomorrow evening for their meeting at the Kokomo Church of the Brethren.

- ◆ We offer our prayers for **Esther Usman** who continues to discover new possibilities in her life of freedom. We also offer prayers of support for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, as they minister to those persons and families within their congregations who are displaced due to the violence that continues in their communities.
- ◆ We offer prayers for healing, strength, comfort and peace following multiple acts of violence in Afghanistan. We pray for those who grieve, for those who are in pain and for all those who constantly live in the midst of insecurity and fear.
- ◆ And even in light of the violence that fills our world, we continue our prayer for peace.

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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 5

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
7:00 p.m. Property Commission - Staff Room

Tuesday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 6 continued

- 3:00 p.m. Nurture Commission - Conference Rm
- 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
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool STEM Night - Peace Patch
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, February 7

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. Music Staff Meeting - Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. Camp Mack Financial Board - Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. PMPC - Room 213

Thursday, February 8

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 9:30 a.m. CBWF - Narthex
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Stewards Commission - Staff Room
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

Friday, February 9

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 3:30 p.m. FLC in use until 5:00 - Onderko
- 6:30 p.m. Jr High Karaoke at Leckrone's House
- 7:00 p.m. Soccer - FLC

Saturday, February 10

Sunday, February 11

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Joy comes with the morning*;
Pastor Kurt
Scripture: Psalm 30
Youth Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
Silent Auction Week 2 - Narthex!
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
Melodia Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Basketball - FLC 213

Koinonia Class

February 11~ Ron Petry will lead the class.

Questers & All Things Considered Class

February 11 ~ CPT in Israel & Palestine

with Michael Himlie

CBWF is this Thursday!

February 8 ~ 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!

Please join us!

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

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.

News from Peace Patch Preschool

The students at our Preschool are busy this winter...

In Miss Andrea's class the students are learning about the five senses, transportation, occupations, and sports. They are also learning about the letters A-H.

In Miss Lisa's class the students are learning about nutrition, Valentine's Day, and Dr. Seuss.

We are also looking forward to our family STEM night. We will have several stations set up for everyone to enjoy hands-on-science, technology, engineering, and mathematical activities.

Another important activity for our parents is our Kindergarten readiness discussion. Kindergarten teacher and church member Brenda Self will be at the Peace Patch to talk about Kindergarten Round-up and what to expect in a child's first year of public school. Parents of both classes are invited to attend.

Childcare During Worship

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

Registration for Camp Mack is OPEN!

- ◆ If you have been a camper in the past, you should receive a brochure in the mail which includes 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 of-fice. Checks should be made out to **Manchester Church of the Brethren**.
- ◆ Questions? Contact Jeff Lehman, our Camp Rep, at 260-359-9990 or the church office 982-7523.



Senior High Youth...

Sundays, February 11 & 18 ~ Silent Auction held in the Narthex as a NYC fundraiser

Sunday, March 4 ~ Lunch at Kelsey's House

Sunday, April 15 ~ Lunch at Anna's House

Junior High Youth ...

Friday, February 9 ~ Karaoke ~ 6:30 pm ~ Leckrone's

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

It's Finally Here...

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

You have two more Sundays...February 11 & 18 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 a 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!

Within our Community...

Spring Convocation at MU

Tuesday, February 6 ~ 3:30pm ~ Cordier Auditorium
MU has a tradition of promoting respectful discourse, and President Dave McFadden will explore the theme in the Spring Convocation on Tuesday.

In "Fly, Run, Walk, Crawl - Keep Moving Forward," he will reflect on the need for perseverance, resilience, doggedness, grit and passion in pursuit of those things we value most.

The title is based on a quote from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

The program, part of the Values, Ideas, and Art series at the University, is free and open to the public.

Shepherd's Center Winter/Spring Programs

February 7 ~ 9:00 am ~ Town Life Center

- ◆ Current Events - "Just How Serious is Internet Hacking?" with Michael Case, MU Assistant VP & Chief Technology Officer
- ◆ Adventures in Learning - Ed Miller - Iceland - Travelogue

EvenSong

Wednesday, February 7 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel

"Little Foxes that Spoil the Vines"

Led by Byron Miller.

(Byron will turn 103 on February 16!)

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

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**

Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

Save the Date

February 18 ~ 11:30-1:30 ~ Main View
Fundraiser Lunch for Habitat for Humanity

Within our District and our World...

Brethren Leadership Institute News

Spring Class will be *History of the Church* taught by Mark Flory Steury.

News from Indiana Center for Middle East Peace

Dear friends of ICMEP,

We are very excited to be hosting the Mohammed Al-Hamwi family for our next program at Plymouth Congregational Church UCC, 501 West Berry St, on Thursday, February 8, at 6:30 pm.

The Al-Hamwi's had a thriving handbag business in Syria. But then the chaos arrived, and they fled Syria, eventually arriving in Indianapolis, when a federal judge blocked then-governor Mike Pence's order banning Syrians from seeking asylum in Indiana. With assistance from the Presbyterian Church and Exodus International, they are living and working in Indianapolis.

They will be discussing their story, one of a family of refugees seeking to start a new life in a new land. Come and hear their story, and support them in their new life in Indiana.

The article in the Indianapolis Star is about their story:
<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/2017/04/08/more-than-purse-way-help-refugees/100128028/>

L. Michael Spath, DMin, PHD

Camp Mack Corner



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 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

Upcoming Get-A-Way Days:

February 11 ~ Eagle Watch

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 or www.campmack.org

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