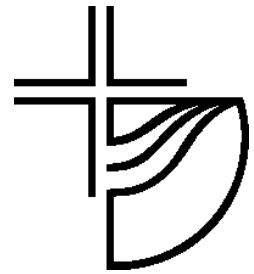


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of January 1, 2018 **Happy New Year!!!**

Peacefully, Simply, Together



Prayer Concerns

We hold in our hearts and minds all the thoughts, joys and concerns from this past week. Sharing our lives together within this faith community strengthens and deepens relationships with one another and with God. In a spirit of compassionate prayer and acceptance, please keep these spoken concerns with you in the coming days.

Within our faith community:

- ◆ We celebrate the birth of **Simon Alexander** to **Kyle** and **Kristen Short**. Simon was born on Wednesday afternoon, December 27, and joins big brother, **Everett** and big sister, **Lydia** in the family.
- ◆ We pray for those people who aren't able to join us in worship due to their current health or physical limitations including: **Lois Roop**, **Ken Frantz** and **Helen Farringer**.
- ◆ We pray for **Janet Kagarise** recovering from a fall which resulted in a broken rib. Janet has returned to Peabody Transitional Care to regain her strength through rehabilitation.
- ◆ We pray for **Laura Stone** who was involved in a single vehicle auto accident Saturday, December 30. She is home recovering with soreness and bruises.
- ◆ We pray for the family of **Doris Hess** who died Monday afternoon, January 1. Services will be at a later date.

May all these people be surrounded by our faithful prayers and God's abundant presence.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church, **Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for the Youth Houses in Cal Pipil, San Salvador, Montepecke, Soyopango and Las Cruces. The Youth Houses are open weekday afternoons and half day on Saturdays providing education, social activities and a safe place for fellowship.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman** as she continues to find meaning and direction for her life. We pray also for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, as they minister to those in their congregations.
- ◆ We pray for all those from **Manchester University** who are traveling this Jan term – both in the United States and abroad. May their experiences teach them

about new relationships, learning outside the classroom and the important ways we live together in this world.

- ◆ And as we look to a new year – we offer prayers that we might continue to be transformed by God's extravagant love.

Pastor 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, January 1 New Year's Day

Office closed

Tuesday, January 2

Preschool Winter Break
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
3:30 p.m. FLC in use until 5:00 - Onderko
4:30 p.m. Nurture Commission - Library
5:30 p.m. FLC in use until 7:00 - 5/6th girls BB
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220
6:30 p.m. Search Committee Mtg - Room 213
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, January 3

Preschool Winter Break
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
7:00 p.m. PMPC - Room 213

Thursday, January 4

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

Thursday, January 4 continued

- 3:30 p.m. FLC in use until 5:00 - Onderko
- 6:30 p.m. Taizé Choir - Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

Friday, January 5

- 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, January 6

- 11:00 a.m. Yoga - Room 211

Sunday, January 7 Blood Pressure Check

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Called Blessed*
Guest Preacher: Beth Sollenberger
Text: Mark 1:4-11
Ecclesia Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 7:00 p.m. AI-Anon - Room 213



Who are the Siblings?

People have asked who the singers were in the Siblings' Choir on Christmas Eve. Here they are!

Back row: Tom Naragon, Connor Eichenauer, Jacob Brumbaugh-Smith, Andrew Chinworth, Benjamin Borgmann-Winter, Konrad Borgmann, Addy Naragon, Emma Naragon, Corrie Osborne, Anna Osborne, Guri Hoidahl.

Front row: Eli Smith, Rainer Borgmann, Nathan Self, Justin Self, Michael Chinworth, Elizabeth Schilling, Audri Fuentes, Claire Brumbaugh-Smith, Karly Eichenauer, Kelsey Eichenauer, Tahnee Fuentes. Derek Self was not in the photo but present!

Thank you, Debbie Chinworth, for directing this amazing choir!!

Thank you!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your cards, prayers, thoughts, and expressions of caring with the death of my mother, Mabel Trachsel.

You are a blessing,
Jeff Trachsel

Koinonia Class

January 7 - January 28~ Exploring Salvation in the Bible from the "Good Ground" curriculum "Banking on God" with Marie Willoughby

DVDs of the Children's Program

Stop in at the office or library if you want to borrow a DVD of the Children's Christmas Program!

**Update of Supporting
the new Fellowship of Church's building**

The 7,440 square foot building that was the old Hooks/ CVS building is being purchased for \$100,000.00 to house the Thrift Sotre, Thursday's Child, and Reach. It will take at least another \$100,000.00 for repairs, updates and modifications needed to meet the needs of the Manchester Fellowship of Churches. However, the Fellowship has been able to secure a dollar for dollar match of up to \$100,000.00 from the Paul Speicher - Ralph Naragon Advised Non-Permanent Fund with the Community Foundation of Wabash County.

Those interested in making a matching gift for this project can do so by writing a check payable to the Manchester Fellowship of Churches and putting "Building Fund" on the memo section and sending it to the Manchester Fellowship of Churches in care of the Community Foundation of Wabash County at 105 W 2nd St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962.

Offering to support the effort to renovate the building for use by the Fellowship of Churches was taken up at our Christmas Eve Service. **At this time, thanks to your generous donations, we have collected over \$7400.00 to help with this project. We would like to continue helping. If you wish to donate to this cause, you may drop it off at the church office or bring it this Sunday. Please put "FOC" on the bottom of your check or on the envelope. Checks should be made out to the church.**

Search Committee Appointed

The Executive Board has appointed a seven-member committee to begin the search for a new Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry and Congregational Life. Julie Garber, Chair of the Executive Board beginning in January, will chair the committee that consists of Kurt Borgmann, Lila Hammer (PMPC), Becky Kreps (member), Jeff Lehman (parent), Nathan Self (youth), and Karly Eichenauer (youth alum).

Over the next four or five months, the Executive Board will call for applications, review and interview candidates, and bring a board approved recommendation to a congregational council meeting for approval. District Executive Beth Sollenberger will assist in the process, helping the committee develop a congregational profile, providing access to the roster of pastors in the denomination seeking positions, and contacting other possible candidates.

While the current position description will be used in the announcement about the opening, the committee is foremost interested in a candidate who is a good fit for the congregation and who brings essential skills to the pastoral team.

The most significant change results from a motion to increase the position to full-time, which passed unanimously. The committee encourages the congregation to bring names of potential candidates to the committee and offer any other suggestions for consideration. Contact any member of the committee with names and concerns.



Senior High Youth...

Sunday, January 7 ~ Lunch at Nathan and Justin's House

Thursday, January 18 ~ NYC Registration begins
February 4, 11, 18 ~ Silent Auction held in the Narthex as a NYC fundraiser

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

Sunday, April 15 ~ Lunch at Anna's House

Junior High Youth ...

Sunday, January 7 ~ **Parents**; you are invited to the beginning of SS to talk about summer work camps!

Thursday, January 11 ~ Work Camp Registration opens at 8pm Eastern Time.

Friday, January 19 ~ Game night ~ TC ~ 6:30pm. Meet in the main entrance (lounge near the front desk)

Friday, February 9 ~ Karaoke ~ Leckrone's home

Get on our Bucket List!

Donations are coming in...keep them coming!! The 4th and 5th grade SS class along with the Jr. High Youth invite you to join with them in replenishing the empty shelves at the Church World Service warehouse with cleanup buckets. On the bulletin board and credenza in the narthex is information on how you can help. The group asks you to take a card, any card, and purchase the item or items on the card that help assemble clean up buckets. Bring them to church any Sunday and the group will place them in the storage room (just off the FLC on the kitchen side). If you have questions contact Ann Hartsough or Jim Chinworth. Financial donations are also welcome, but remember...

we don't drive!

Childcare During Worship

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

2018 Church Family Directory

Yes...it's that time of year again! If you need to update your contact information from last year you will want to do that ASAP!

If you are not in the current directory and would like to be added or you know someone who should be added I will also need that information.

Three ways this can be accomplished:

1. Contact the church office at 982-7523.
2. Check the directory lists on the table in the Narthex on Sunday morning. Put a check by your name if it is correct...make the necessary changes by your name if it is not correct.
3. Respond to the email that will be sent to you asking if your information is correct or needs to be changed.

Thanks, Peg

Combined Sunday School Classes

Education Commission invites you to join them for our upcoming all church combined Sunday School on the following dates:

January 21 ~ Brethren Disaster Ministries

February 25 ~ Nicaragua Medical Practicum -

Jeff Osborne (Manchester University)

March 11 ~ High Toll of Local Imprisonment:

Women speak out on their recovery - Ruth Angle

April 29 ~ Hymnody with Nancy Faus

Beat the Winter Blues!

Consider joining us for Yoga...

Saturdays ~ 11:00 am ~ Room 211

A healing way of connecting with and listening to your body, while building balance, flexibility, and strength. We do a different 25-45 minute "Yoga with Adriene" video routine together.

- ◆ No experience needed
- ◆ All levels welcome - routines can be modified
- ◆ Bring a mat; wear comfortable workout clothes; and bare feet.

Call or text Laura Stone (413-885-9196) ahead to confirm that Yoga will meet.

Within our Community...

EvenSong

Wednesday, January 3 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel

"This is the Time for New Beginnings"

With Lois Davis

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

Happy New Year from Manchester Main Street!

"The Wizard of Oz"

January 3 ~ 7:30pm ~ Honeywell Center

Historical Society Annual Meeting

January 8 ~ 6:30pm ~ TC Assembly Room

Children's Visual Arts Workshop

January 13 ~ 10:00am ~ KenapocoMocha

Adult's Visual Arts Workshop

January 18 ~ 6:00pm ~ KenapocoMocha

Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood

January 25 ~ 7:00pm ~ Honeywell Center

Recycled Percussion

January 26 ~ 7:30pm ~ Honeywell Center

More information at manchestermainstreet@gmail.com

Movies at Timbercrest

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

- ◆ **Friday, January 19 ~ West Side Story**
- ◆ **Friday, January 26 ~ The Best of Victor Borge**
Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

New Beginnings Ministry Dinner & Night Service

Sunday, January 21 ~ 5:00 Dinner / 7:00 Service

1960 Vernon St, Wabash, IN 46992

Pasta Bar Dinner / Service features Pastor Ryan Weaver, from Church of Christ and Treaty

Seniors for Peace Meeting

Featuring Dr. Elton Skendaj

Thursday, January 25 ~ 10:00am ~ TC Chapel

Dr. Skendaj is the first Gladys E. Muir Professor of Peace Studies at MU. He is the author of "Creating Kosovo: International Oversight and the Making of Ethical Institutions". His research addresses how international and local actors can build political institutions that can sustain peace and justice in post-war societies. The focus of his presentation is based on his book and he will discuss the making of ethical institutions.

All are welcome to join us for this presentation.

Within our District...

Friends,

Here is an update to give you the opportunity to present your energy and skills to BDM as a gift to those impacted by the increasing severity of disasters. Please share with others who might be convinced to join you!

January 13-20, 2018 - BDM workcamp in Puerto Rico.

Contact Terry Goodger, [410-635-8730](tel:410-635-8730)

January 21-27 - S/C Indiana needs 7 volunteers to Eureka, MO again (with IL/WI District)

March 11 - S/C Indiana needs 15 volunteers to Eureka

April 23 - May 3 - Disaster Project Leader Training for new BDM leaders, Marion County, SC - Are you interested? We need more leadership. Contact me soon.

Is there interest in workcamps to Florida, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands? Skilled mason may be needed for three months in Virgin Islands.

September 9-15 - fifteen volunteers needed from S/C Indiana for yet undesignated location.

November 25-December 1 - 7-8 volunteers needed from S/C IN, yet undesignated location (joint with IL/WI District) Enough spaces for everyone to go! Let's spread some Good News Joy!

Please continue to remember needs for money contributions through the S/C IN COB District Office.

Blessings of peace to you!

Cliff Kindy phone: 260-982-2971 kindy@cpt.org

Brethren Leadership Institute News

The next BLI class is *Preaching*, taught by Aaron Gross, pastor of the Logansport Church of the Brethren. Class sessions are the following Saturdays: January 20, February 3, and February 17. Back-up date in case of a weather cancellation is February 24. **Register by January 3** to avoid a late fee. Registration forms are on the S/C District website.

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

Tina Rieman will be ending her tenure with the Brethren Leadership Institute in December. Many thanks to Tina for her administrative skills that have been integral to launching BLI in our district.

Camp Mack Corner



Camp Mack Calendar:

January 13 ~ Camp Rep Meeting

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

For more information, email info@campmack.org or check out the website...campmack.org