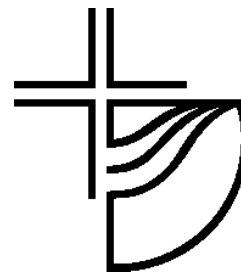


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of January 14, 2018
Peacefully, Simply, Together



Prayer Concerns

We hold in our hearts and minds all the thoughts, joys and concerns from this past week. Sharing our joys and our sorrows together in this community of faith helps us create and deepen our relationship with one another and our faith in God. In a spirit of compassionate prayer and understanding, please keep these spoken concerns with you in the coming days.

Within our community of faith:

- ◆ 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: **Miriam Rusher, Francis Barr and John Hamer.**
- ◆ We pray for **Lois Snyder** hospitalized at Parkview Regional Medical Center for observation and further tests.
- ◆ We pray for **Sabine Thomas** who had out-patient surgery on Wednesday, January 10, to repair a broken wrist.
- ◆ We pray for **Wanda Miller** who will be having out-patient foot surgery on Friday, January 19.
- ◆ We pray for **Steve & Lila Hammer** on the death of Steve's step-mother, Doris. Services were Saturday in Polo, Illinois.
- ◆ And we pray for **Vicki & Charles Kelsey** on the death of Vicki's father, John C. Bollinger. John died early Saturday morning, January 13th at the age of 99. Visitation is on Tuesday in Goshen at the Reith-Rohrer Ehret Funeral Home and the service is Wednesday morning at 10:00 at the New Paris Church of the Brethren.

May we hold all these people in our prayers and may they know God's comforting presence in the midst of their lives.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for Marcie Parker hospitalized in Fort Wayne for tests related to heart issues.

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist.** We pray for our sisters and brothers in El Salvador reminding them and ourselves that we are bound together in our humanity and in our Christian faith. We stand in solidarity with them in working for peace & justice as partners together.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman** that she might know the assurance of God's care and for the rescue of Salomi Pogu, one of 276 girls and young women abducted from their school in Chibok in April of 2014. We also offer prayers for the Chibok girls and other victims who remain in captivity. And we pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, who is currently leading a two-week workcamp to re-build churches that were destroyed by violence.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Anderson Church of the Brethren.** Their Executive Board will be having an organizational retreat on Saturday, January 20. We pray for the Board members and for the congregation as they make plans for continuing the work of Jesus in 2018. We pray also for the **Atlantic Southeast District** and their District Executive, Terry Grove.
- ◆ We pray for our Haitian brothers and sisters who are fearful of their future in the U.S. and possible deportation following the rescinding of the Temporary Protected Status. The TPS rescission will also include refugees from El Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras.
- ◆ We pray for those in Southern California who have experienced the loss of their homes and their loved ones due to the recent mudslides.
- ◆ And we offer our prayers for peace in the world.

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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, January 15

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts in FLC moved to Wednesday
Night due to weather

Tuesday, January 16

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
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, January 17

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts in FLC until 7:00 - Short
7:00 p.m. Executive Board - Conference Room

Thursday, January 18

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

Friday, January 19

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
6:30 p.m. Jr High Game Night at Timbercrest
7:00 p.m. Soccer - FLC

Saturday, January 20

11:00 a.m. Yoga - Room 211
7:00 p.m. NYC Registration - Kelsey's House

Sunday, January 21

9:30 a.m. Worship: *God alone*, Pastor Kurt
Scripture: Psalm 62:5-12
Ecclesia Choir
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
Melodia Choir Practice

Sunday, January 21 continued

10:45 a.m. Christian Education
Combined Adult Sunday School;
Congregational Ethics
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

Communion

Our next 'Bread and Cup' Communion is scheduled for
Sunday, January 28 during Worship.

Search Committee Invites Congregational Input!

The search committee to hire a Pastor of Youth Ministry
and Congregational Life has begun its work.

- ◆ The first task is to create a congregational profile that will be used to describe the congregation to candidates for the position.
- ◆ The committee seeks broad input from the congregation in this process and invites every member to offer suggestions, comments, and input as they wish.
- ◆ Copies of the congregational profile questionnaire are available in the church office.
- ◆ Please pick up a copy and fill it out **before February 1** to share your ideas.
- ◆ Completed questionnaires may be returned to the church office.

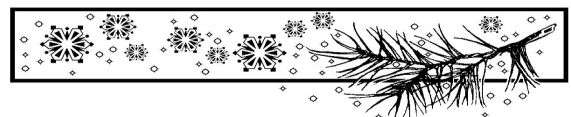
Next Pantry Offering ~ February 4

At the beginning of worship on Feb. 4 you are again invited to bring forward donations to the Manchester Fellowship of Churches Food Pantry.

They often run short on the following items:

Paper Towels
Liquid Dish Soap
Liquid Laundry Soap
Disposable Diapers
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Baked Beans
Applesauce
Canned Potatoes
Toothpaste

The final announcement that Sunday will be the invitation to bring items forward to be compiled around the Worship Center Table. Either that day or later that week, items (and any financial donations) will be taken to the Fellowship of Church's Pantry on Front Street.



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.



Senior High Youth...

Saturday, January 20 ~ NYC Registration ~ 7:00pm ~ Kelsey's House

Sundays, February 4, 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, January 19 ~ Game night ~ TC ~ 6:30pm. Meet in the main entrance (lounge near the front desk)

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

It's "That Time"!

Do you know what happens every four years in the winter? If you are thinking the Winter Olympics, then you are half way to the right answer. At the MCOB we also host the Silent Auction to raise funds to assist in sending our **Senior High Youth to National Youth Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado**.

This February, on each of the first three Sundays (4th/11th/18th), tables will be set up in the Narthex with donated items, goods, and services. Papers placed next to these items will allow you to bid and show your support for our youth and to have fun finding some unique item that will make you February fabulous. Just like Olympic athletes are training for their events, we need your abilities to round up donated items for this auction.

If you have something of value, be that a physical item, food product, good or service that you can perform or offer, the youth need your assistance.

Bring your items to the church office during the day or to church any **Sunday in January**. For assistance, see Joel Eichenauer, Jeff Lehman, Jeff Osborne, Brian Kruschwitz, or Jim Chinworth.

Bucket List getting good attention!

A number of items have been donated to be able to fill the need for Church World Service Cleanup Buckets. There are still plenty of cards on the credenza near the tech

booth door so we can fill at least 20 buckets to replenish the shelves at the New Windsor Service Center.

Thank you to everyone who has brought in gloves and clothespins and trash bags and detergents and dust masks and all the other items needed to fill a cleanup bucket. It was a rough year around the country for natural disasters and we hope to send out buckets by the spring.

Please take a card or cards from the credenza. The best places to find items are: Menards, Dollar General, Big R and/or Meijer.

Thank you for helping, and always remember...we don't drive!

The 4th/5th and Jr. High SS Classes

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 ~ Congregational Ethics - Search Committee

February 25 ~ Brethren Disaster Ministries

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 17 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel

"Southern Gospel Music"

Led by Sam Barrett with daughter Elizabeth and Nathan Jackson

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

Training in Mediating Interpersonal Conflict

Education for Conflict Resolution is looking for people who would like to work with ECR as mediators. We provide mediation services for the Wabash Courts as well as for the MU campus. We are offering a 32 hour training the first two weekends in February

Feb 3-4; 10-11 ~ 8:30am-5:00 ~ MU Academic Center

- ◆ **Bob Gross** will be the trainer.
- ◆ Individual cost: \$375
- ◆ MU Faculty and Staff: \$250
- ◆ MU Students: \$40
- ◆ Scholarships are available
- ◆ 10% discount if payment included with registration by **January 20**
- ◆ Final Deadline : **February 1**
- ◆ Registration forms are available on the ECR website: www.WorkItOut.org. Click on NEWS, Upcoming Events.
- ◆ Email the ECR office if you have any questions; info@workitout.org.

Thanks, Judi Brown, Mediation Coordinator

Happy New Year from Manchester Main Street!

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**
Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

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.

Celebrating & Remembering the 50th Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Visit to Manchester

Thursday, February 1 ~ Open to the Public

10:00am ~ The Rev. Dr. Timothy L. Lake, senior pastor at Union Baptist Church will speak at the Ft. Wayne campus.

2:00pm ~ The official groundbreaking for the Jean Childs Young Intercultural Center will take place at College & East Street.

2:00-4:00pm ~ A reception for "Bending Toward Justice" in the Link Gallery of Otho Winger Hall will feature MLK photos, a timeline for race relations at MU, vignettes of several people highlighted in the fall Manchester magazine, a short documentary of Ted Studebaker and an original painting of Rev. King by Manchester's own Jeff Diesburg, Assistant Professor of Art. The exhibit will be open from January 31-February 28.

7:00pm ~ Martin Luther King Jr Remembrance & Rededication Ceremony will take place in Cordier Auditorium featuring keynote speaker Otis Moss III, pastor of Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ. There will also be reflections by alumni who had lunch with Dr. King on February 1, 1968 and music by Ft. Wayne's Voices of Unity Youth Choir.

Celebrate Recovery

**Thursdays ~ 6:00pm ~ Beginning February 1
Olive Branch Church, 4581 E 1200 N, Roann, IN**

For more info: Call 574-835-5158 or

Email: celebrate.recovery@olivebranch.church

Within our District...

Brethren Leadership Institute News

BLI classes:

Saturday, January 20

Saturday, February 3

Saturday, February 17.

Back-up date due to weather is February 24.

Registration forms are still available on the S/C District website.

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

Camp Mack Corner



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

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

In The Wider Community...

First Anniversary of the Women's March on Washington Event

Saturday, January 20 ~ 12:00-4:00 ~ Indianapolis

The march will convene at the American Legion Mall and end at the State House. Indiana's theme is "**Reclaiming Our State: Power to the Polls**". There will be speakers at the beginning and end of the march.

Contact Bev Eikenberry, Sue Mock, Karen Rowland, or Kay Reinoehl if you are interested in joining us in Indy.

You can register and learn more at:

<http://www.powertothe polls.com/anniversary.html>.