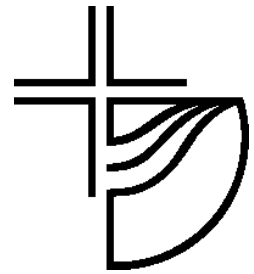


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of January 28, 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 with one another is one way we continue to create and deepen our relationships with one another in this community of faith. In a spirit of compassion and prayer, please keep these spoken concerns 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 including: **Lois Roop, Dorothea Williams, and Dwight & Helen Farringer.**
- ◆ We pray for **Lois Snyder** who is recovering in Timbercrest Healthcare following her recent hospitalization.
- ◆ We pray for **Gene Valentine** who is recovering in O wing at Timbercrest following a recent hospitalization.
- ◆ We pray for **Angilee Beery** who will be having shoulder replacement on Thursday, February 1.
- ◆ And we pray for **Karen Sare** who is anticipating upcoming doctor's appointments in Indianapolis.

May each of these people be surrounded by God's presence.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Emmanuel Baptist.** We pray for Emmanuel's church leaders as they gather in special New Prayer meetings for their congregation and for our congregation with hope that we may find new doors open to peace and justice ministries.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Antioch Church of the Brethren** as they seek to follow the teachings of Jesus. We also pray for the **Illinois/Wisconsin District** and their District Executive, Kevin Kessler.
- ◆ We offer prayers for the well-being and wholeness of **Esther Usman** and for the continuing mission of the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN.** We also pray for strength and healing for Roxane Hill, coordinator of the Nigeria Crisis Response. Roxane has ex-

perienced unexpected health challenges and faces an extended recovery, including a multi-day stay in the hospital. Unfortunately, she will not be able to travel to Nigeria in February as originally planned.

- ◆ We pray for peace.

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 29

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
6:30 p.m. Worship Center Décor - Room 213

Tuesday, January 30

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, January 31

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
7:00 p.m. Library Committee - Library

Thursday, February 1 Red Cross Blood Drive

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
12:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive until 6:00 - FLC
7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

Friday, February 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, February 3

Sunday, February 4 Blood Pressure Check

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *God is gracious*, Pastor Jim
Food Pantry Offering!
Scripture: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
Ecclesia Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
Search Committee - Library
Silent Auction Week One!
- 4:00 p.m. Adult Basketball - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

Koinonia Class

February 4 ~ Ron Petry will lead the class.

Questers Class

February 4 ~ Reflections on the Brethren
with David Sollenberger

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.

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 office. 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.

Next Pantry Offering ~ Sunday!

At the beginning of worship this Sunday 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 Sunday** will be the invitation to bring items forward to be compiled around the Worship Center Table.

Either Sunday or later in the week, items (and any financial donations) will be taken to the Fellowship of Church's Pantry on Front Street.

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.

Shooting Hoops!

Adult Basketball will start up again this Sunday at 4:00 (we will normally play at 7:30). Time to get your game on...

Combined Sunday School Classes

Mark your calendars for the next Combined Adult Sunday School Class...

February 25 ~ Brethren Disaster Ministries



Senior High Youth....

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

For the next 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

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.

It's not too late to bring items for the auction! Bring them to the church office or to church this Sunday.

For assistance, see Joel Eichenauer, Jeff Lehman, Jeff Osborne, Brian Kruschwitz, or Jim Chinworth.

Wow! Even More Exciting News!!

What do you get when you combine an artifact of MCoB history with the vision of looking forward through the lives of our church youth? And then add in a sprinkle of fun, the element of chance, and the beauty of art. Well, come to church the **first three Sundays in February** to not only bid on the Youth Silent Auction items **but also see two historical stained glass windows.** Rescued from the burned

out Walnut Street church after the devastating fire were two beautiful windows.

Here's the plan with all proceeds going to send our youth to National Youth Conference in Colorado this July. **For a \$25 per person per window donation, interested participants will be given the equal chance to own their very own MCoB piece of history!**

More information regarding the windows will be shared over the next few weeks so you can decide if you are interested in one or both.

A table will be set up in the Narthex where you can sign up and donate. Of course, you can also stop by the church office during weekday hours or mail in your donation to have your name added to the drawing.

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!

Keep those Bucket Items Coming!!

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

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.

Within our Community...

EvenSong

Wednesday, January 31 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel

Led by Kurt Stout, Pastor at the First Brethren Church

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

Worship-Based Prayer Training

“Taste & See” Kickoff Event ~ Tues, Jan 30 ~ 7-9pm

Facilitated by the Indiana House of Prayer & Equipping (IHOPE)

Downstairs in Honeywell’s Nixon Room

The 8 Week School of Prayer will be held every Tuesday from 7-9pm from Feb 20-April 10 at 78 West Hill Street - Common Ground’s new location.

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
- ◆ 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

Movies at Timbercrest

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

- ◆ **Friday, February 2** ~ *Miss Potter*
 - ◆ **Friday, February 16** ~ *Fiddler on the Roof*
- Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

Celebrate Recovery

Thursdays ~ 6:00pm ~ Beginning February 1
Olive Branch Church, 4581 E 1200 N, Roann, IN
For more info: Call 574-835-5158.

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

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.

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 that theme in the Spring Convocation next 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.

Save the Date

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

And Mark your Calendars...

**Sunday, April 15 ~ MELC Fundraiser ~
Something different for your meal at the Main View!
More details to come!**

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



Greetings from Camp Mack!

We want some stories that we can use to help us understand the impact Camp Mack has had on people's lives. If you are willing to share, please go to the following survey page and tell us what you can.

We can hardly wait to hear from you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HL2XVNR>

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