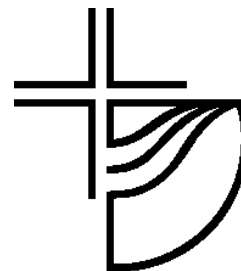


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of January 7, 2018
Peacefully, Simply, Together



Prayer Concerns

We hold in our hearts and in our minds all the thoughts, joys and concerns from this past week. Sharing our joys and our sorrows with one another in this faith community is one of the ways we form deeper relationships with each other and with God. 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 worship with us due to their on-going health or physical limitations. They include: **Raymond Johnson, Joann Hoover** and **Doris Miller**.
- ◆ We pray for **Tom Hess** and his family on the death of his mother, **Doris**, the afternoon of Monday, January 1. Services will be at a later date.
- ◆ We pray for the **residents of Timbercrest** and **Peabody** who are experiencing limitations due to the recent outbreak of influenza.

May these people feel the care and support of our gathered prayers and know the assurance of God's comforting presence and abiding love.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for Emmanuel's Deacon Board as they manage city programs and supervise over 40 mission area throughout El Salvador. The three members of the Board we know are: **Esther Avalos, Rafa Canas**, and **Mario Augula**.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman**, may she know safety and security in this new year. We pray also for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, as they continue to witness to the assurance of God's abiding love.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Akron Church of the Brethren** as they continue to seek the mind of Christ in their worship and their ministry. We pray also for the **Atlantic Northeast District** and their new District Executive, Pete Kontra.
- ◆ We pray for the leaders of our country.

- ◆ And we join others around the world as we continue our prayer for peace.

Pastor On-Call: Kurt Borgmann

Home: 901-6110; Cell: 901-1851

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 8

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Commission - Library
- 7:00 p.m. Property Commission - Staff Room

Tuesday, January 9

- 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 10

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

Thursday, January 11

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
CBWF is cancelled for this month
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Education Commission - Library
- 7:00 p.m. Stewards' Commission - Staff Room

Friday, January 12

- 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 13

- 11:00 a.m. Yoga - Room 211
- 12:00 p.m. Baby Shower until 4:30 - Rm 220/Kitchen
- 5:30 p.m. Building in use until 9:30 - Metzger Family

Sunday, January 14

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *No place to hide*, Pastor Kurt
Scripture: Psalm 139:1-18
Taizé Choir - Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
Melodia Choir Practice
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 12:30 p.m. Building in use - Brovant Family
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

Mail for Raymond

Raymond really appreciates receiving mail from us. However, there are strict guidelines to follow in order for them to deliver it to him. A few reminders that we have been given are:

- ◆ Please DO NOT put any stickers on the envelopes.
- ◆ All of the information must be included in his address on the envelope

Raymond E. Johnson 207742
H-Unit OSP
PO Box 97
McAlester, OK 74502

If you are notified that he is not receiving the mail you are sending to him, let us know. We may be able to help.

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.

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

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.

Communion

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

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.

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.



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...

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 ~ 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

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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 10 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel

"Black in America - 2017"

With Lois Snyder

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

Happy New Year from Manchester Main Street!

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***
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.

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

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