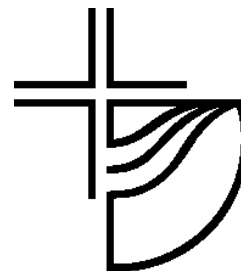


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of March 11, 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 in this community of faith helps us strengthen our relationships with each other and with God. In a spirit of compassion and grace, please keep these spoken concerns with you in the coming days.

Within our faith community:

- ◆ We celebrate the birth of **Woods Alexander to Whitney & Geoff Grandi**. Woods was born on Wednesday, March 7. Woods is the nephew of **Paige Woods** and the great-nephew of **Ron & Kristi Karg**.
- ◆ 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 faith. They include: **Miriam Rusher, Francis Barr, Kenneth & Rose Marie Miller** and **John Hamer**.
- ◆ We pray for **Susan Egolf** on the death of her husband, **Jay**. Jay died Tuesday afternoon, March 6. Visitation and a graveside service were March 10.
- ◆ We pray for **Dick & Jane Harshbarger** on the death of Dick's brother, **Bill Harshbarger**. Bill died Friday afternoon, March 9, in Portland, Oregon.
- ◆ We pray for **Bev Petry's** brother, **Richard Tobias**, who has been diagnosed with acute leukemia.
- ◆ And due to a change in lab results, **Karen Eberly's** surgery is not necessary at this time.

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

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for Pastor Miguel and the church staff as they minister in the city of San Salvador and the more than 40 communities in rural areas. Transportation is especially difficult as they have a limited number of vehicles.
- ◆ This week we join other churches in our District to pray for the **Christ Our Shepherd Church of the Brethren**. We pray for their congregation and their work in the community. We also pray for the **Northern**

Ohio District and their District Executive, Kris Hawk.

- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman** as she adjusts to life with future possibilities and hope. We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, as they continue to re-build churches and congregations.
- ◆ We pray for all those affected by last week's 7.5-magnitude earthquake in Papua, New Guinea. Ongoing aftershocks have increased the death toll to at least 67. Red Cross officials estimate that 500 people are injured and 127,000 are in need of immediate assistance. Landslides have blocked vital roads leaving thousands of victims trapped without needed food, water, and shelter. We offer prayers for immediate relief and long-term recovery.
- ◆ On Sunday, March 11, teen Palestinian activist **Ahed Tamimi** was tried before an Israeli military court for defending her family's home from Israeli soldiers. She was arrested on December 19, 2017. At the time of her arrest, she was still 16 years old. Ahed has become a prominent figure of nonviolent resistance. The military court she will be tried before has a 99.9% conviction rate for Palestinians. The judge decided to close the court to journalists. We offer prayers of courage and support for Ahed and her family.
- ◆ And in the midst of such violence, uncertainty and political conflict, we continue our prayer for peace.

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, March 12

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Commission - Staff Room

Tuesday, March 13

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 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, March 14

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Pastors' Lunch - Timbercrest
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Solar Energy Open Meeting - Conf Room

Thursday, March 15

- 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, March 16

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 5:30 p.m. Parents' Night Out until 8:00 pm
- 7:00 p.m. Soccer - FLC

Saturday, March 17

- 11:00 a.m. Room 211 in use until 1:00

Sunday, March 18 One Great Hour of Sharing

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Lose your life*, Pastor Kurt
Scripture: John 12:20-33
Ecclesia Choir
New Members Received
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time; Melodia Choir Practice
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal hosted by
All Things Considered & Questers**
- 1:00 p.m. Council Meeting - Sanctuary**
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Basketball - FLC 213

Mark your Calendars

Thursday, March 29 ~ 6:30 ~ Love Feast
Sunday, April 22 ~ 5:30 ~ Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Questers' Class

March 18 ~ High Toll of Local Imprisonment
with Ruthann Angle

Council Meeting this Sunday...
Youth to report on National Walkout Day

The bi-annual Congregational Council Meeting will follow the Fellowship Meal at 1:00 pm on March 18 and last an hour. Discussions on several important topics are on the agenda.

- ◆ Youth will report on *ENOUGH! National School Walkout* on March 14, an action to raise concerns about Congress's inaction to do more in response to gun violence in schools and neighborhoods.
- ◆ We will also do a short "asset mapping" exercise as a congregation, leading to deeper discussions about congregational goals over the next several months.
- ◆ Our staff will report in a new way. Written reports will be distributed with the agenda, but pastors will form a panel to respond to questions about aspects of their ministries. After initial questions from the moderator, the congregation will have the opportunity to ask additional questions.
- ◆ The youth pastor search committee will give a progress report
- ◆ And the treasurer will give a 2017 finance report.

Good participation is very valuable to our life together.
Please plan to attend!

Sunshine Seekers...it's time!



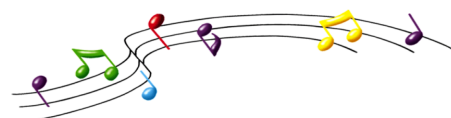
Are you looking for sunny days? Are you longing for the feel of the warmth of sunshine on your face? With the coming of Spring, does the power of sunshine amaze you? Are you interested in putting the power of the sun to work?

On **March 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm** the Property Commission is putting together an exploratory committee as a follow up to a coffee house on Solar Energy and you are invited to join. The committee will explore how our church can use photovoltaic energy to be good stewards of God's Earth as we go forward. We will meet in the Conference Room. Please join us!

Jeff Trachsel, Property Chair

Music ! Music! Music!

Check out the table in the Narthex. Thank you Lana Groombridge for downsizing your collection of music and now you are invited to PLEASE help yourself to any and all that you would like to add to your collection!



HELP WANTED!
Manchester Church of the Brethren
CUSTODIAN

Responsible for cleaning all areas of building interior you include kitchen, restrooms, offices; light maintenance; setting up tables and chairs for events; ordering cleaning supplies

20-25 Hours a week
Competitive pay and pension benefits

**Application available at the church office
or from melsauttter@gmail.com**

Childcare During Worship

Your help continues to be needed in **Childcare During Worship**. There are still openings in **March** and **April** along with the **May** schedule being available for sign-up! 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.



Final Notice for Early Registration for Camp!

Please contact the church office or Karen Eberly if you need to register your child! Registration will still be open but to save \$30 with early registration, we need to send it this week.

Peace Patch Preschool

Open House / Enrollment Night ~ April 12 ~ 6:30-7:30
Come and visit our teachers and see the preschool classrooms!

We are NOW ENROLLING current students and church family for the 2018-2019 school year (enrollment for the public will begin March 20th).

3 & 4 year-old class (3 by August 1)
4 & 5 year-old class (4 by August 1)
Enrollment applications are available at the church.

Senior High Youth...



Sunday, April 15 ~ Lunch at Anna's House

Youth Silent Auction

Thank you again to the entire congregation for supporting this year's youth auction. The total collected (**over \$4100**) was the largest in some years (at least 12) and will cover half the registration fee for every youth and advisor attending National Youth Conference. The theme for NYC is: *Bound Together. Clothed in Christ* and is based on Colossians 3:12-15. NYC will be held on the campus of Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, CO, July 21-26, 2018.

Junior High Youth ...

Jr. High Youth ask for "odd jobs"

- ◆ Have a spring clean up project?
- ◆ Need something removed from your basement or attic?
- ◆ Need that flower bed cleared?
- ◆ A stack of wood moved?
- ◆ Old shrubs dug up?



Well, on **Saturday, April 14** the Jr. High youth will take care of that for you! Contact Jim Chinworth or Ron Karg with your request. We'll check and see if that is something our Jr. High's can do and we'll put you on the list. We'll take up to 3 hours of jobs (dividing into various work crews) and sometime between **9am and noon** will be in touch to take care of that odd job. **Donations would also be welcome** to help the group get to their work camp experience this summer.

First come, first serve so let us know how we can help!

District Youth Rally!

Friday, April 13 - Sunday, April 15

Who: High School Age Youth
What: CoB Youth Rally
When: Friday evening registration 6-7 until after worship
Sunday morning (fee \$20 before April 9 / \$24 by April 12)
Where: Anderson Church of the Brethren
Why: To connect with other youth, while having fun, considering our faith, and thinking about how we can love one another.

Contact Pastor Brian Mackie (765) 465-5960,
pastor@whitebranchcob.org, for more information.
Registration form can be found on the S/C IN District web.

One Great Hour of Sharing...this Sunday

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you participate in the great vision that God has for our communities and for our world. Gifts to this special offering support the life-changing ministries of Global Mission and Service, Brethren Disaster Ministries, Global Food Initiative, the Office of Public Witness, Congregational Life Ministries, the Office of Ministry, and many others.

March for Our Lives!

Reduce gun violence! Save our children!
Join us **March 24 in Indianapolis, 11:00am**. Meet at Monument Circle. Marching to State House until 3:00 p.m.

Want a ride? Contact Bev Eikenberry: 982-070

Within our Community...

Shepherd's Center Winter/Spring Programs

March 14 ~ Town Life Center

- ◆ **9:00-10:05** ~ Current Events ~ Bob & Linda Shank, *What Can We Learn about North Korea?*
- ◆ **10:15-11:00** ~ Adventures in Learning ~ Kacy Hopper; *Introduction to Autism*

EvenSong

Wednesday, March 14 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel

Come and meditate with a Lenten Taizé Service
Led by Debbie & Jim Chinworth
Questions? Call Liz Hoffman Bauer, 260-306-1690
Everyone is Welcome!

Movies at Timbercrest

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

- ◆ **March 16 ~ *The Zookeeper's Wife***
Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

Manchester Main Street Events

Children's Workshop Series:

Polymer Clay Miniatures; April 14, 9am -12
Ashley Sanson; Cost: \$15

Adult Workshop Series:

Whimsical Watercolor Flowers; March 15, 6-9pm
Britta Glass; Cost: \$30
Cuff Bracelet; April 19, 6-9pm
Candie Cooper; Cost: \$35

Within our District ...

Brethren Leadership Institute News

The next **Brethren Leadership Institute** class is *History of the Church* taught by Mark Flory Steury. The dates are **April 14, April 28, & May 5**. Register any time by emailing scindcob@gmail.com or calling 260-982-8805

Brethren Leadership Institute

**Practice of Ministry Day
Death, Dying and Funerals
March 17 ~ 9am-3pm
Kokomo Church of the Brethren**

9am-noon: Funeral Directing 101 led by Tim Yoder, co-owner /director of Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, IN.
12:00-12:30: Lunch provided
12:30-2:00: Ministry to the Dying led by Laura Stone, Director of Spirituality at Signature HealthCARE of Bremen.
2:00-3:30: Grief led by Kurt Borgmann, Pastor of MCoB and author of *The Heart of Grief*.

The event is open to all. The cost is \$50, plus \$10 for CEUs. An email to scindcob@gmail.com or phone 982-8805 will ensure enough lunch for all.

Biblical Authority Conversations

April 23-25 ~ Hueston Woods Lodge & Conference Center ; College Corner, Ohio.

Open to pastors and ministers, other congregational leaders, & interested church members...

Keynote Speakers:

The Rev. Jason Bamhart
The Rev. Karoline M. Lewis

Conversation Facilitators:

Denise Kettering Lane
Dan Ulrich

Drama:

Ted Swartz

Worship Leadership

Michaela Alphonse

Registration is \$75, which includes 2 breakfasts /1 dinner. Housing **MUST** be arranged directly with Hueston Woods. Double rooms are \$115.09/night including tax.

Call 513-664-3510 before March 15 to make your housing reservation.

Brochures are available from the district office, or in the March district newsletter which is available at

http://www/scomdcpb/prg/March_2018.pdf

Camp Mack Corner



Camp Mack would like your feedback on the following strategic plan for the next several years. Please consider attending one of the six meetings scheduled from 7- 8:30 over the next two weeks.

Meetings will be:

- March 12 – Creekside CoB, 7:00-8:30
- March 13 – Logansport CoB, 7:00-8:30
- March 14 – Pine Creek CoB, 7:00-8:30
- March 15 – Wabash CoB, 7:00-8:30
- March 20 – Anderson CoB, 7:00-8:30
- March 21 – Columbia City CoB, 7:00-8:30

We need your help to make sure we are providing the ministries important to you.

Thank you for your help.

CAMP ALEXANDER MACK – Strategic Plan Summary

Goal area one: Maintaining our historic tie to the Church of the Brethren we seek to re-envision a future of Camp Mack in order to expand its ministry.

Strategy one: Review and articulate the core elements of Camp Mack’s ministry to encourage faith development and stewardship of creation within the context of Christian values.

Strategy two: Develop a governing philosophy and framework that maintains our historic ties to the COB while engaging the broader community in the transformative power of Camp’s mission.

Goal area two – Ensure the financial health of Camp Mack to propel its ministry into the future.

Strategy one: Initiate a sustainable financial and pricing model that provides the necessary resources in order to operate high-quality camp and conference experiences.

Strategy two: Initiate a more robust budgeting process.

Strategy three: Ensure that the financial reporting process provides accurate, meaningful, and timely information for the management of Camp.

Goal Area 3: Ensure that the facilities support and enhance the mission of Camp Mack and the transformational programs it provides.

Strategy 1: Determine the current capacity of the Camp Mack facilities for various programs including summer camp, year-round programs, and retreats

and conferences to utilize our facilities more fully.

Strategy 2: Ensure the quality care and maintenance of each building and facility at Camp Mack.

Strategy 3: Ensure that the facilities meet the future needs of campers and guests for retreats, conferences, and year-round programming.

Strategy 4: Ensure that the green spaces and natural environment meets the current and future needs of Camp Mack.

Goal Area 4: Strengthen the transformational impact of Camp Mack through maximizing current programming, introducing innovative programming, and providing holy hospitality.

Definition of terms:

Program: *An event or series of events to which campers and guests are invited and Camp Mack provides all or most of the programming.*

Programming: *Specific activities provided as part of a Camp Mack program or contracted by a guest program.*

Strategy 1: Meet the needs of existing and new audiences through creating new and diverse activities.

Strategy 2: Strengthen and expand year-round programming to deepen our relationship with current audiences and meet the needs of new audiences.

Strategy 3: Ensure each group and program receives a unique experience that meets their needs, guided by the mission, vision, and values of Camp Mack.

Strategy 4: Identify new target audiences to expand the reach of Camp Mack’s mission and programs.

Goal area five: Promote the mission of Camp Mack by strengthening donor and community relationships.

Strategy one: Develop connections with important constituent groups.

Strategy two: Initiate a comprehensive fundraising campaign and annual development program that will support the ministries of Camp Mack and increase the awareness of its resources and services.

Strategy three: Initiate a comprehensive marketing and communication program that encourages the broader community to engage with Camp Mack.