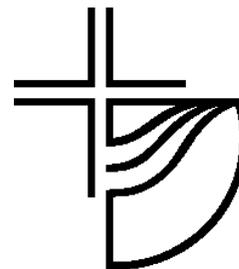


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of March 25, 2018

Peacefully, Simply, Together



Prayer Concerns

We hold within our hearts all the joys and sorrows that have influenced our lives this past week. Sharing prayer concerns with each other is one of the ways we continue to deepen our relationships within this community of faith. In a spirit of compassion and understanding, please keep these spoken prayers 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 challenges or their physical limitations including: **Lois Roop, Ken Frantz, Dorothea Williams** and **Dwight & Helen Farringer**.

May they each know the comfort of God's presence in the days to come.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for Emmanuel's congregation as they engage in Holy week prayer services each day, praying for strength, encouragement, cleansing and renewal as a community of faith and witness.
- ◆ We join the churches in our District to pray for the **Four Mile Church of the Brethren** that they might know the leading of God's spirit. We pray also for the **Pacific Northwest District** and their District Executive, Colleen Michael.
- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, for the many ways they continue to offer aid and assistance to those who are displaced, those who are grieving and those who are living in the midst of the violence that surrounds them.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman** that she might have a sense of comfort in her life.
- ◆ We pray for peace in our country and around 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, March 26

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Tuesday, March 27

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
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, March 28

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
10:30 a.m. Consumer 51 Mtg - Library
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
7:00 p.m. Witness Commission - Room 213

Thursday, March 29 Maundy Thursday

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
12:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive until 5:00 - FLC
Tennis will not meet
6:30 p.m. Love Feast - Narthex
7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

Friday, March 30 Good Friday

Preschool Spring Break Begins
Manchester Schools Spring Break

Friday, March 30 Good Friday continued

- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service -
Missionary Church
1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Saturday, March 31

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

Sunday, April 1 Easter

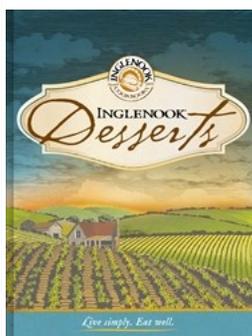
- 7:30 a.m. **Sunrise Service - Memorial Garden**
Continental Breakfast following - FLC
Blood Pressure Check will not be available
- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Tell his disciples*, Pastor Kurt
Scripture: Mark 16:1-8
Ecclesia Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:45 a.m. Christian Education
Children's Sunday School will NOT meet
ATC will NOT meet
- 12:00 p.m. Building in use - Unger
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

Community Good Friday Service

Friday, March 30 ~ 12:00pm ~ Missionary Church

806 IN 114, North Manchester
Message by Pastor Russ Reahard
Soloist ~ Mikayla Genovese
Pianist ~ Laurie Kieffaber Comett
Sponsored by the Fellowship of Churches

Serve up Inglenook Desserts with the Inglenook Desserts Cookbook!



Inglenook Desserts is coming to your kitchen this summer! The cookbook continues the Inglenook tradition of the Church of the Brethren by featuring favorite dessert recipes that have been passed from generation to generation. The recipes have been tested in kitchens across America, and selected for their value, excellence, and simplicity.

Inglenook Desserts will have over 175 new recipes along with reflections on traditions and celebrations that feature desserts. After trying some of these delicious recipes, you'll want to curl up with the cookbook and read the stories.

Interested in purchasing one? Or more?!

The cookbook will cost \$18 if we place our order before **April 9.**

Sign up will be available in the Narthex **April 1, & April 8.**

Executive Board Updates

The Executive Board met on March 21, 2018, to consider several items of business.

- ♦ Jan Fahs gave a positive financial report, noting that contributions are up typically in March as retirees begin using the "required minimum distribution" from their IRAs to make charitable gifts.
- ♦ The board approved a memo of understanding between Manchester University and the congregation regarding use of the Manchester Church of the Brethren as a short-term shelter in an emergency for up to 1,000 people. The memo makes Manchester University responsible for any damages to the building during its use as a shelter.
- ♦ Work continues toward a new website that will be simpler to use and will include a more easily accessible calendar. The new website will also offer a way to make online contributions.
- ♦ Stewardship brought a motion to amend the 2018 budget to adjust for an error in compensation for the administrative assistant, whose hours increased beginning in September 2017.
- ♦ Finally, the board approved a supported motion from the Property Commission to replace geothermal heat pumps after almost 20 years of service. The new equipment will be highly efficient and should produce a return on investment in three to four years. The commission will notice an immediate savings in energy consumption. In a related motion, the board approved paying for a portion of the overhaul from the budget and the remainder from unrestricted net assets.

Childcare During Worship

Your help continues to be needed in **Childcare During Worship**. There are still openings 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.



Peace Patch Preschool

**We are NOW ENROLLING
for the 2017-2018 school year.**

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.

Jim begins a New Chapter...

Sunday, April 15 ~ 10:45 am ~ Narthex
Please join us as we celebrate Jim's Retirement!

CWS Buckets tops 40!

43 buckets were assembled following the March 18th Fellowship Meal. Money and items have been collected since last fall and now these buckets will help replenish depleted shelves at Church World Service (CWS). Thank you for the support of this Disaster Relief project headed up by the 4th-8th graders. A big thank you to Ann Hartsough for the much needed investigation and purchase of supplies!

Coffeehouse with David Radcliff

Sunday, April 8 ~ 6:30pm ~ Chapel

David Radcliff of *The New Community Project* will be with us for an evening coffeehouse. David will give updates on his work with an emphasis on NCP's efforts with the Batwa people, S. Sudanese refugees and projects in Nepal. Info on NCP's Learning Tours will also be available. David will also be on campus **Tuesday, April 10** as the guest speaker for the weekly **7 pm chapel service held in Petersime Chapel.**



Senior High Youth....

Sunday, April 15 ~ Lunch at Anna's

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?



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!

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

On **Sunday, April 22nd**, the Fellowship Commission is scheduling potluck dinners from **5:00-7:00 pm** that are full of surprises.

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" is an event designed for Manchester Church of the Brethren fold to become better acquainted. The premise is a group of "hosts" entertains a random and secret group of guests!

If you are interested in this event, you will sign up to be a host, a guest, or either. As a host, you will provide the main course and beverages in your home for the selected amount of guests you request. The guests will be assigned to bring either a side dish or a dessert. The guests will be contacted by a member of the Fellowship Commission a week before the event to let them know the food assignment. The guests will then be contacted two days before the event to let them know the address of the host.

The tighter the secret, the more fun!

This is a kid friendly event!

One Great Hour of Sharing

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.

- ◆ If you did not have the opportunity to bring your offering you may do so this Sunday or drop it off at the church office.
- ◆ There are offering envelope available in the pew holders or write it on the memo line of your check.
- ◆ Checks should be made out to Manchester Church of the Brethren.

Thank you for your gift

Within our Community...

"This Evil Thing"

Written and Performed by Michael Mears

Tuesday, March 27 ~ 7pm ~ Wine Recital Hall at MU

The play about conscription of soldiers during WW1 and the conscientious objectors who refused to take up arms, is free and open to the public.

This program is brought to Manchester by the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, with the support from the T Wayne Rieman & Gwen Rieman Fund; the Office of Religious Life, with support from the Christian Leadership Endowment Fund, and the Peace Studies Institute.

Shepherd's Center Winter/Spring Programs

March 28 ~ Town Life Center

- ◆ **9:00-10:05** ~ Current Events ~ Leonard Williams, MU Political Science Professor
- ◆ **10:15-11:00** ~ Adventures in Learning ~ Bob Krouse; Egg Farming

EvenSong

Wednesday, March 28 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel
"Songs & Stories"

Led by Dorothea Fry Mason & Kathy Fry-Miller
Questions? Call Liz Hoffman Bauer, 260-306-1690
Everyone is Welcome!

Save the Date for MELC Fundraiser

Sunday, April 15 ~ 11am-1pm ~ Main View

Mark your Calendars for Camp Mack Sunday!

Join us **Sunday, August 20** for Worship, Lunch, & Afternoon Activities!

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 brethrenleadershipinstitute@gmail.com or calling 260-982-8805

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 Barnhart
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 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

Robert Cohen Speaking on
"It's kosher to boycott: A Jewish journey to
Palestinian solidarity"

Thursday, April 12 ~ 6:30 pm ~ Plymouth CoB

Please plan to come and bring a friend.

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