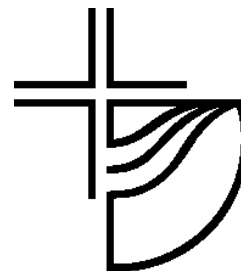


# Manchester Church of the Brethren

## NEWSLETTER

Week of March 4, 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 helps us create deeper relationships within this community of faith. In a spirit of compassion and understanding, 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 and physical limitations. They include: **Raymond Johnson, Joann Hoover, Vernon Miller, Louise Williams, Becky Waas** and **Doris Miller**.
- ◆ We pray for **Phyllis Pettit** at Wellbrooke in Wabash. Phyllis hopes to return home on Monday.
- ◆ We pray for **Di Wion** who is now at home, continuing with her recovery and rehab following her double knee replacement.

May each of these people know the assurance of God's love in their lives.

#### ***In the wider community:***

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for the weekly prayer and Bible study sessions as they remember special needs of their congregation & our congregation and as they seek to apply their studies in daily living.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Burnettsville Church of the Brethren**. The congregation asks that they might be filled with God's blessing and grace. We also offer our prayers to the **Northern Plains District** and their District Executive, Tim Button-Harrison.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman** that she might find hope in the midst of her freedom. We also pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN** and for the 105 girls and young women missing after a mass abduction from a government-run girls' secondary school in Dapchi, a northeastern town near the border with Niger. We pray for strength and courage in the midst of such uncertainty.

- ◆ And we continue our prayers for transformation and peace in the midst of a hurting world.

### **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 5**

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC  
6:30 p.m. Worship Center Décor - Room 213  
7:00 p.m. Property Commission - Staff Room

#### **Tuesday, March 6**

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  
3:00 p.m. Nurture Commission - Conference Rm  
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 7**

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool  
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC  
7:00 p.m. PMPC - Room 213

#### **Thursday, March 8**

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool  
9:30 a.m. CBWF - Narthex  
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC  
3:30 p.m. FLC in use until 5:00 - Onderko

**Thursday, March 8 continued**

- 5:15 p.m. FLC in use until 6:45 - Howard
- 6:30 p.m. Taizé Choir - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Stewards' Commission - Staff Room
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

**Friday, March 9**

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 3:30 p.m. FLC in use until 5:00 - Onderko
- 6:30 p.m. Jr High Game Night at Timbercrest
- 7:00 p.m. Soccer - FLC

**Saturday, March 10**

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

**Sunday, March 11**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Believe in me*, Pastor Kurt  
Scripture: john 3:14-21  
Taizé Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
Melodia Choir Practice
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education:  
Combined Classes; The High Toll of Local  
Imprisonment
- 3:00 p.m. Manchester Symphony - Honeywell
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Basketball - FLC 213

**It's that time ...Spring Forward  
Change your clocks!**

Don't forget to move your clocks an hour ahead before you go to bed Saturday night or you will be late for church Sunday morning!!

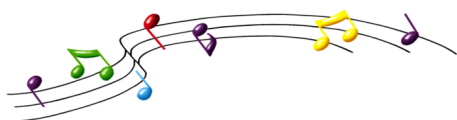


**Mark your Calendars**

- Sunday, March 18 ~ 12:00 ~ Fellowship Meal**
- Sunday, March 18 ~ 1:00 ~ Council Meeting**
- Thursday, March 29 ~ 6:30 ~ Love Feast**

**Music ! Music! Music!**

Check out the table in the Narthex these next Sundays. 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!



**Combined Adult Sunday School This Sunday!**

**The High Toll of Local Imprisonment**

Our two guests are women sponsored by The Manchester Inmate Ministry Committee (MIM). These women have benefitted from their relationship to Growing Grounds, our sister committee at the Wabash Church of the Brethren.

The MIM members will explain what they've been doing in Manchester and our guests will explain how Growing Grounds helped them have a successful transition after imprisonment.

Some exciting things are happening in Wabash County! Join us for an in-depth look at local inmate ministry. The women's stories are compelling.

**Childcare During Worship**

Your help continues to be needed in **Childcare During Worship** in **May**. 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.



Parents ~ are you checking your calendars and choosing a week of camp for your children? Summer is just around the corner and it is time to **register!**

Residential camps are available for campers completing 1st through 12th grades. See [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org) for details or pick-up a brochure at the church office.

The church will pay the full registration fee for first-time campers and half of the registration fee for others. **Please make checks payable to Manchester COB.** You may also pay your portion of the camp fee at the Camp Mack web site.

Camp Mack asks that we send our registrations as a group. Even if you have registered online, we need to know who is going from our congregation. **Registrations are this Sunday morning, March 11th.** You can submit your registrations to the church office, Karen Eberly, or Jeff Lehman. Please note that a late fee of \$30 (\$15 for Beginners & Samplers) is charged soon after this date.

Please contact Karen Eberly or Jeff Lehman (Camp Mack Rep) for more information.

### 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.



### Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board addressed a full agenda on February 21, 2018. Bob Gross opened with a reflection based on Luke 4. Members reviewed the congregational profile compiled recently by the pastoral search committee, using it to launch a discussion of goal-setting and planning in advance of the congregational business meeting on March 18 where goal-setting will be on the agenda. The board heard reports on overhauling the church's website, Kurt's recent trip to the Supportive Communities Network meeting, and the Property Commission's concern about building stewardship and maintenance. The Education Commission asked the support of the board for registering Peace Patch Preschool with the state and seeking a rating for quality, which the board passed. The board also acted on a request for financial support from Wildwood Gathering, a new congregation in Olympia, Washington, voting to send a contribution for Wildwood's budget.

### Sunshine Seekers!

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

### Spring Council Meeting...March 18...Be there!!

Board chair Julie Garber and Moderator Al Hohl encourage you to attend the Spring Council Meeting, **March 18, at 1:00**. At the center of the meeting is an opportunity to talk together about goals and direction. Using an inventory of assets and passions generated by members of the congregation, we will look at what's next for us as a congregation.

The Manchester Church of the Brethren has a wealth of talented and committed people, rich worship and education, a legacy of service and action. How will we put those assets together to be the church in our time, for our community and for the world?

The Council's discussion will be the first in a series of conversations about the future over the next several months. A **Fellowship Meal** precedes the meeting. Childcare will be available.



### Senior High Youth....

**Sunday, April 15 ~ Lunch at Anna's House**

Be sure to pay your NYC deposit online ([www.brethren.org/nyc/](http://www.brethren.org/nyc/)) if you haven't already!

### Junior High Youth ...

**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

### 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](mailto:pastor@whitebranchcob.org), for more information.

Registration form can be found on the S/C IN District web.

## ***Within our Community...***

### **N Manchester Historical Society Presents**

**Harold Marks, Jr. ~ Tales of Main Street 19502-60s  
Monday, March 5 ~ 6:30 pm ~ TC Assembly Room**

Harold and his father operated the Marks Drug Store from 1925-1986. Harold's stories about business and life on Main Street give a fascinating picture of life in America in the middle of the last century.

There is no cost for the program

### **Shepherd's Center Winter/Spring Programs**

**March 7 ~ Town Life Center**

- ◆ 9:00-10:05 ~ Current Events ~ Jim Streator, MU Political Science Professor; "What is Robotics and Does it Affect Any of us?"
- ◆ 10:15-11:00 ~ Adventures in Learning ~ Mike Bever; World of Bubbles

### **EvenSong**

**Wednesday, March 7 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel**

"Songs of Inspiration"

Led by Rohan Willoughby

with Grandmother Marie Willoughby

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

Everyone is Welcome!

### **Celebrate Spring!**

**Artisan Pop-up at**

**The Center of Arts Museum**

**March 10 ~ 10am-3pm**

Local Artists & Crafters ~ Live Music ~ Family Fun  
Children's Classic Movie, Face Painting & Kids' Crafts  
History & Creativity

Free Admission / freewill donation appreciated



### **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 Symphony Orchestra**

**Sunday, March 11 ~ 3:00 pm ~ Honeywell Center**

The Bohemians - Dvořák, Smetana, Janáček  
(Patron reception following the concert)

**KenapocoMocha Coffee Shop:**



**Children's Workshop Series:**

Monster Stuffie Sculptures; March 10, 9am -12  
Hannah Burnworth; Cost: \$15  
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

**The N Manchester Public Library:**

Story Time; every Tuesday & Thursday, 11am

Evening Tales; every Tuesday, 6pm

Teen Makers & Creative Kids; Wednesdays, 3:45pm

manchestermainstreet@gmail.com



### **Civil Rights Trip to Memphis, TN**

**8am March 9 - returning 10pm March 11**

Alumni \$250/shared room - double, \$450/single

Alumni with assistance \$100/shared room

Included: Lodging, transportation, museum entrance fees.

Contact Jamie Dowdy: jldowdy@Manchester.edu

## ***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](mailto: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 and 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](mailto:scindcob@gmail.com) or phone 982-8805 will ensure enough lunch for all.

**Conversations about Biblical Authority Conference**

**April 23-25 ~ Hueston Woods; College Corner, Ohio.**

Pastors are especially invited to attend this event, which is being partially underwritten by the Midwest Church of the Brethren districts and the Ministry Excellence Project, in order to keep the cost as low as possible.

The registration fee is \$75, which includes 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. The fee also includes 1.0 CEU if all sessions are attended.

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](http://www/scomdcpb/prg/March_2018.pdf)

**Camp Mack Corner**



**We are in need of Team Leaders for the following camps:**

Seekers: June 3-8

Finders: July 1-6

Co-Director for Grand Camp: June 14-16

Please contact Jessica at [jessk@campmack.org](mailto:jessk@campmack.org) if you are interested in being a team leader, cabin counselor,

counselor in training, medical staff, or health check in staff this summer.

**Camp Mack Calendar:**

March 9 ~ Annual Dinner

March 9-10 ~ FYLE Weekend