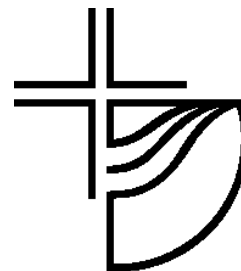


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of May 13, 2018

Peacefully, Simply, Together



Prayer Concerns

We hold in our hearts and minds all the thoughts, joys and sorrows from this past week. Sharing our concerns in this community of faith helps us create deeper relationships with one another 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 join us in worship due to their on-going health challenges or their current physical limitations. Those people include: **Alice Frantz, Doris Snell, Joan Deeter, and Evelyn Niswander.**
- ◆ We pray for **Vernon Miller** who has returned to Timbercrest Healthcare following a recent hospitalization.
- ◆ We pray for **Teresa Clingaman's** mother as she continues to deal with issues of health and transition.
- ◆ We pray for **Kurt Borgmann** and his family on the death of his aunt, Inge Whelpdale, Sunday, May 6. Services will be in Darlington, England on May 25.
- ◆ We pray blessings upon **Laura Stone** as she begins her work as the new chaplain at Timbercrest.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Emmanuel Baptist.** We pray for the women and young girls who are able to train for jobs and go to school to receive education beyond primary school. Lidia Castro manages this program.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Church Planting Conference** which is to be held at Bethany Seminary Thursday, May 17 to Saturday, May 19.
- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN,** as they re-build their churches. We also offer our prayers for **Esther Usman.**
- ◆ We pray for **Carolyn and Roger Schrock** as they

travel to South Sudan for two and a half months of volunteer service with the Brethren Peace Center in Torit. The Schrocks will train agronomists and work with the Eastern Equatoria Farmer's Association, an organization seeking to fight the region's pervasive hunger by encouraging farmers to pool resources and leverage assets.

- ◆ We pray for peace around the world.

On Call: Kurt Borgmann

Home: 901-6110; Cell: 901-1851

Pastors' Schedules

Kurt ~ Tuesday through Friday
Karen ~ Monday through Thursday

Office Hours

9:30-4:00 Monday-Friday; closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch.
The church is open at 9:30 for walkers.
Phone: 260-982-7523

Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 14

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

Tuesday, May 15

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

Wednesday, May 16

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
7:00 p.m. Executive Board - Conference Room

Thursday, May 17

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

Friday, May 18

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

Saturday, May 19

Sunday, May 20 Pentacost Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live;*
Pastor Kurt
Scripture: Acts 2:1-21; Ezekiel 37:1-14
Melodia & Senior High Youth Choirs
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
Peace Patch Gathering
- 12:00 p.m. Executive Board Retreat - Adult Wing
- 12:30 p.m. Narthex / Kitchen in use until 4:30 - Eberly
- 6:00 p.m. Senior Send Off - Courtyard
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Narthex in use until 9:00

Helping Children Cope with Death & Dying

Sunday, May 20th ~ Sunday School Time ~ Rm 211

The Nurture Commission is beginning a series of workshops on issues related to death (logistical planning, support/nurture, grief, etc.). The first session will be how to talk with children as they cope with death. Please join the Pathfinders and Jubilee classes to learn more about this topic that impacts both children and adults in our community of faith.

Adult Class Updates

Koinonia Class ~ Marie Willoughby will be leading the class. The theme is *"Praise for Creation"*.

Questers Class ~ May 20 ~ *The Luminous Web* with Wilbur McFadden and David Waas

Annual Conference 2018...

BBT Fitness Challenge ~ 5K race ~ July 7 ~ 7am

Visit the BBT website for more information.

And for fun things to do while you are in Cincinnati go to www.brethren.org/ac/2018/in-cincinnati/things-to-see-and-do.html

Stay informed at www.brethren.org/ac/2018

Our CBWF Have Been Busy!

Last week the Women of our Fellowship gave 25 crib blankets to the Manchester Early Learning Center. 30 blankets were also given last summer at the dedication of the new building.

- ◆ Each blanket is labeled "Made with Love, Manchester Church of the Brethren".
- ◆ Each child chooses the one they like. They use it for their daily naps and it is theirs to keep when the time comes for them to leave the Center.
- ◆ The staff say "they just love their blankets" (blankets are laundered weekly).

Many thanks to all of you who donated fabric to make these keepsakes for the children!

Taking a break for the Summer; meeting again in the fall!
~Thursday, September 13 ~

Come join us!

Questions? Call Esther Rupel 982-1410

50 Year Wedding Anniversary...save the date!

You are invited to help Jeff & Jeannie Trachsel celebrate their 50 years of marriage at an open house.

Saturday, June 9 ~ 1-4 p.m. ~ Narthex

No gifts, please.

Your presence will be your special gift to us!



Register & Sign up to help ...VBS!

Monday, June 11– Thursday, June 14

Registrations are available at the church.
Contact Megan Sarber if you can help!!
megsarb@gmail.com

Childcare During Worship

Your help continues to be needed in **Childcare During Worship** for May 27 and any Sunday in June or July.

Since October of 2017 there have been 35 Sundays. That means 105 volunteers...three per Sunday. During those eight months about 50 people have helped in this ministry, half of them more than once. Six have helped from 4-8 times. From the Nurture Commission,

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

The need will always be there. Stop by the Nurture table in the Narthex before or after Worship to volunteer an hour of your time for our children. You will enjoy getting to know the children in our congregation and provide a special service to their families.

Sunshine Seekers...The Solar Questers!

7:00 pm ~ Conference Room



May 23 ~ Johnson Mollah, Indianapolis with Eli Hannoy at <http://johnsonmelloh.com/>
June 13 ~ PSG Energy Group, Pittsboro, IN with Tim Pitts at <http://psgenenergygroup.com/>
June 27 ~ Werner Electric, Appleton, WI with Richard Henes at <https://www.wernerelctric.com/>
Riverbridge Electric, North Manchester with Dave Migliorini at <http://www.riverbridgeelectric.com/>

We Invite You to Join the Men's or Women's Choir!

The Women's Choir will be singing in worship on June 3. Practices are **May 24 & May 31 at 7:00** in the choir room.

The Men's Choir will be singing in worship on June 10. Practices are **May 31 at 7:45 & June 7 at 7:00** in the choir room.



Update on the search for Pastor of Youth Ministry & Congregational Life

The pastoral search committee is beginning to review applications for Pastor of Youth Ministry & Congregational Life. Potential pastors apply through District Executive Beth Sollenberger, including those who are actively searching for positions through the denominational process and those who were recommended by members of the congregation and invited to submit applications. Progress is slower than anticipated, but is gaining traction now. In the mean time, David Hupp and Becky Kreps are providing leadership for senior high youth on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour, and Joel Eichenauer and Lori Zimmerman are serving as interim Senior High youth group coordinators. Senior High youth are poised to attend National Youth Conference this summer. For the Junior High youth, Dave Sollenberger continues as Sunday School teacher and Andrea Espeset and Loyce Borgmann are designated as Junior High youth coordinators for other activities. Eighth grade youth will attend a workcamp this summer in Brooklyn, New York, while sixth graders will attend a work camp in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Video Series about the Apostle Paul

Friday, May 25 ~ 10:35am ~ Timbercrest Chapel

The Nurture Commission's final showing of "The Challenge of Paul" will be Friday, May 25 at the Timbercrest Chapel. All are invited to come to learn more about this controversial man

Within our Community...

Shepherd's Center Spring Programs

May 16 ~ Town Life Center

- ♦ **8:30-9:20** ~ *MEDTALK* ~ Wilbur McFadden, MD & Eric Reichenbach, MD are conveners
- ♦ **9:30-10:30** ~ *CURRENT EVENTS* ~ David Waas, MC History Professor, Retired

EvenSong

Wednesday, May 16 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel

"Unexpected Misfortunes"

Stan Williams with Lyle Gish

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:

- ♦ **Friday, May 18** ~ *The Case for Christ*
 - ♦ **Monday, May 28** ~ *Maudie*
- Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189



Friends of the Library SALE!

Thurs-Sat, May 17-19 ~ 9:00-5:00

Used books, CDs, Videos, & Audio books
405 North Market
Call 260-982-4773 for more information

Save the Date for Welcome to my Garden!

Manchester Main Street's 2018 Garden Walk
June 16 ~ 9am-3pm

Within our District ...

Evaluation of District Ministries

Greetings from the South Central Indiana District Board,

For the last year we have been working at a means of gauging the health of our district, including what we're doing well and what we might be able to do better, and **that means we need your input.** You are invited to provide feedback through a simple survey via this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/scind-memb2>.

If you are unable to access the survey electronically, you may obtain a paper copy and have your feedback included through the district office. All responses will be collected by a consultant who is working with the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry, and evaluated with the board followed by a report to the district at large.

Survey feedback concludes at the end of the day on Friday, June 1.

Thank you for your prayerful participation.

Indiana Center for Middle East Peace Events

Wednesday, May 16 ~

“The Occupation of the American Mind: Israel’s Public Relations War in the United States”

Sponsored by *Hoosier Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East and Free Thought Fort Wayne*
Universalist Meeting House ~ 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 22 ~

“US Church solidarity with the Palestinian Call for Justice”

Tarek Abuata, Executive Director of *Friends of Sabeel North America*

Plymouth Church ~ 501 W Berry St. Ft Wayne ~
9:45-11:15am

Tuesday, May 22 ~

“The Bible, Justice, and the Israel-Palestine Conflict”

Rev. Naim Ateek, founder of *Sabeel Palestinian Liberation Theology Center, Jerusalem*

Plymouth Church ~ 501 W Berry St. ~ 6:30 pm

Friday, June 1 ~

“Ali Paris in Concert to Benefit the Children in Palestine”

\$20 at the door/ \$15 in advance/ \$5 student / under 12 free
Plymouth Church, 501 W Berry St. ~ 6:30pm

Saturday - Sunday, June 2-3 ~

“ArabFest 2018 - A Celebration of Arab Hospitality & Culture”

Rothchild Pavilion ~ Headwaters Park, Ft Wayne ~
12:00pm

Camp Mack Corner



May 31-June 2 ~ S/C IN Women's Retreat
June 14-16 & July 29-31 ~ Grand Camps

Check out the flyers on the Tower in the Vestibule for more information or contact the camp directly at:

www.campmack.org 574-658-4831

The Camp Mack Festival is a little over 5 months away, but it is time to start thinking with your church or community groups about food booths that you can bring to the festival. Interested? Email Sue Freel at suefreel@kamppo.com

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