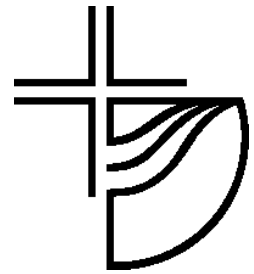


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of May 27, 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 is one of the many ways we create deeper relationships with one another and with God. In a spirit of compassionate prayer and acceptance, 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 the current physical limitations. Those people include: **Raymond Johnson, Doris Miller, Louise Williams** and **Becky Waas**.
- ◆ We pray for the family of **Cleona Barr**. Cleona died Thursday evening, May 24th. The Memorial Service will be Sunday afternoon, June 3rd, at 3:00 in the Timbercrest Chapel with visitation prior to the service from 1:00 to 3:00, also at Timbercrest.

May all these people experience God's loving presence in the coming days.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for the church staff as they prepare for weekend ministries in 40 communities – youth classes, adult Bible study, education and fellowship times for children are part of Saturday and Sunday gatherings. May folks who are lay leaders are committed to sharing their faith.
- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, as they re-build churches and communities. We also offer our prayers for **Esther Usman** that she might experience the healing of God's presence in her life.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for **Camp Mack** as they begin their summer season – for the counselors, the campers and the staff. May they each know the richness of God's beauty.
- ◆ And we offer our prayers for peace for all people, around the world.

On Call: Karen Eberly

Home: 982-8420; Cell: 578-1247

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 28 Office closed for the Holiday

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Tuesday, May 29

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
2:00 p.m. Historical Committee - Library
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220

Wednesday, May 30

1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

Thursday, May 31

1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
7:00 p.m. Women's Choir - Choir Room
7:45 p.m. Men's Choir - Choir Room

Friday, June 1

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Saturday, June 2

4:00 p.m. Ben Reichenbach's Graduation Open House until 7:00 - 701 Bond Street

Sunday, June 3

9:30 a.m. Worship: *The priority of being restored*,
Pastor Kurt
Scripture: Mark 2:23 - 3:6
Special Music: Women's Choir
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:45 a.m. Christian Education

Sunday, June 3 continued

- 1:00 p.m. Visitation for Cleona Barr until 3:00 - Timbercrest Chapel
- 3:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Cleona Barr - Timbercrest Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Narthex in use until 9:00

Open House for Ben Reichenbach

You are invited to a graduation open house for Ben this Saturday, June 2 from 4-7pm at his house: 701 Bond St.

Peace Patch Preschool

As the school year came to a close on May 25th, our minds and hearts are filled to the brim. It's been a great year of learning and growth!



We offer best wishes to Lisa Ruppert, our teacher of the four/five year-old class who is retiring this year after 15 years of loyal service. She has shared her gift of teaching, and we are grateful for her many contributions to our Preschool Program.



Cal Pipil T-Shirts on Sale for \$20.00!

All proceeds support Cal Pipil through Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel. For more information or to order a shirt, stop in at the church office.

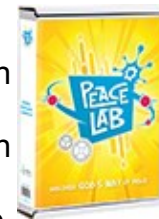
Childcare During Worship

There are openings for helpers in the nursery during church two different Sundays in June. Men, women, and teens are all welcome to apply! Just sign up at the table in the Narthex after church. Thanks for your help with this important ministry.

Helping Children Cope with Death

There are many books parents can use to help children cope with death. Several of these can be found in our church library or in the public library downtown. A list of helpful books can be found on the credenza in the church Narthex or at the childcare sign up table in the Narthex on Sundays.

Peace Lab VBS is coming soon!



- ◆ Registration forms are still available on our website or at the church office.
- ◆ Volunteers are still needed to help with the meal.
- ◆ If you have already volunteered to help, please plan to stop by the Peace Patch after worship this Sunday or next to pick up your information.
- ◆ Cookies are needed for the closing program on Thursday, June 14. Cookies need to be dropped off to the church kitchen by 5:30 that afternoon. Contact Megan Sarber if are able to help!

Annual Conference 2018...Living Parables

The following **new business** items will be presented to the 2018 delegate body:

1. Brethren Values Investing
2. Polity for Electing Brethren Benefit Trust Board Directors
3. Vision for a Global Church of the Brethren
4. Polity for Electing the District Executive Representative to the Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee
5. Change in Delegate Representation at Annual Conference.

The **unfinished business** items include:

1. Vision of Ecumenism for the 21st Century
2. Vitality and Viability
3. Creation Care
4. Compelling Vision
5. Update to Polity Regarding Annual Conference Agencies
6. Amendments to the Bylaws of the COB Inc.
7. Denominational Leadership Gathering

Annual Conference 2018 Ballot

A full listing of the ballot with each person's profile is available at www.brethren.org/ac/2018/business/ballot

Bell Choir Interest?

Much of our music for bell choir allows us to play 5 octaves if we have enough players. We would really like to play this beautiful music! We are especially in need of players who are strong enough to play the large lower bells. However, we welcome all who are interested in playing as we can adjust to bell weight that is comfortable for everyone. If you are interested or have questions, please send a simple note to Bev Eikenberry: bjeikenberry@yahoo.com or 982-0709

Within our Community...

Thrift Shop Needs Children's Clothing

The thrift shop is in need of children's clothes **sizes 3-6x**.
Summer clothes are in demand but all will be accepted!
108 South Mill St. (see page 2 for shop hours)

EvenSong

Wednesday, May 30 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel

"Songs of Hope and Courage: psalms that brighten our daily walk"

with Shirley & David Rogers and Drema & Barry Drudge
Questions? Call Liz Hoffman Bauer, 260-306-1690
Everyone is Welcome!

Haiti Pure Water Project

An opportunity for us to be helpful!

At the April 26th Seniors for Peace Program Brad Yoder presented the Church of the Brethren sponsored project to improve the availability of pure water to the rural inhabitants of Haiti.

The Church of the Brethren has a project to raise \$147,000 by the end of this year to install filtration purification systems and collection cisterns for community use in Haiti. The project is well underway.

A Timbercrest resident has committed to MATCH the contributions of other residents, and friends, toward this goal, up to \$1000.

You are invited to make a contribution.
Any amount is welcome!

Make checks out to (Timbercrest) Seniors for Peace and put them in the TC mail addressed to our treasurer, Ernie Barr, by May 31, 2018.

The Seniors for Peace Steering Committee and Timbercrest administration have approved this fundraising effort. Thank you for your generous donations!

Community Carnival at MU

Thursday, June 14 ~ 2:00-4:00pm ~ MU Campus Mall

Indiana Association of Student Councils Summer Leadership Workshop and MU present this FREE carnival for the children of the North Manchester Community!

Preschool & Primary Grades

Games ~ Prizes for ALL

Cotton Candy ~ Popcorn ~ Snow Cones

Together we serve the children of our community



Dates for the next Community Dinners

June 12 & 26 ~ 4:15-6:15 pm ~ Zion Lutheran Church

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.

26th Annual Conference on Ministry with the Aging

Tuesday, June 5 ~ 9am-3pm

**Towne House Retirement Community
2209 St. Joe Center Road, Ft Wayne**

Registration forms available at the church office
Register before May 29
Questions? Contact Rev. Douglas Vogal,
DougV@TowneHouse.org ~ 260-969-8012

Indiana Center for Middle East Peace Events

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

**Join us at Arab Fest Sponsored in part by
Indiana Center for Middle East Peace!**

**Sat, June 2 ~ 12-10pm and Sun. June 3 ~ 12-6pm
Headwaters Park in Ft. Wayne**

Check out the posters on the office window and the tower
in the Vestibule for all the activities!

Join Dr. Jon Fancher...Holy Land via Jordan

February 18-27, 2019

Information about this trip is on the tower in the Vestibule
or go to www.eo.travel ~ 800-247-0017

Camp Mack Corner

Please keep our Campers in your Prayers!



Samplers Camp: June 3-5

Finley Espeset
Everett Short

Seekers Camp: June 3-8

Colson Baert
Milo Hupp
Liam Kreps-Miller
Maggie Onderko-White
Caleb Struble-Hedstrom

Beginners Camp: June 6-8

Graham Kreps-Miller
Emersyn Sarber

AND our Campers like to receive Mail!!

If you would like to send mail to our campers this summer:

Camper's name
Camp he/she is attending
PO Box 158
Milford, IN 46542

June 14-16 & July 29-31 ~ Grand Camps

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@kampco.com

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