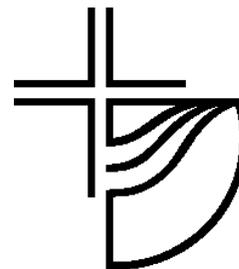


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of September 16, 2018

Peacefully, Simply, Together



Prayer Concerns

We hold in our hearts and our minds all the thoughts, joys and concerns from this past week. Sharing our joys and our sorrows in the midst of this gathered community is one of the ways we continue to experience deeper relationships with one another and grow in our faith with God. In a spirit of compassion and understanding, please keep these spoken prayers with you in the coming days.

Within our faith community:

- ◆ We offer gratitude for **Joy Stiffler's** successful vocal cord surgery.
- ◆ We pray for those people who aren't able to join us in worship due to their on-going physical limitations or their current health challenges including: **Raymond Johnson, Doris Miller, Louise Williams** and **Becky Waas**.
- ◆ We pray for the family and friends of **Doris Snell**. Doris died Monday morning, September 10.
- ◆ We pray for **Lila Hammer** and her family on the death of her father, Arnold Van Lue. Arnold died early Thursday morning, September 13th.
- ◆ We pray for **Dan Petry** hospitalized in Elkhart following a fishing boat accident in which he sustained head injuries.
- ◆ We pray for **Dorotha Fry-Mason** hospitalized at Wabash Parkview for observation and a change of medication.
- ◆ We pray for **Vivian Ogden** who is recovering in Timbercrest Healthcare following successful surgery to repair her broken ankle.

May all these people know the comfort and assurance of God's loving care.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We offer prayers of solidarity with Augusto Cotto, Commandant and Director of El Salvador's National Police. He is committed to strong

human rights and justice programs for their country. He feels special support from our church community.

- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for **Pike Creek Church of the Brethren**, for their congregation and their ministry. We also pray for the Michigan District and their Interim District Executive, Beth Sollenberger.
- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**. We pray also for Samuel Dante Dali, the former president of EYN, who is serving as current international scholar in residence at Bethany Theological Seminary. During Dr. Dali's time at Bethany, he will attend selected classes for discussion and work on completing two books.
- ◆ We pray for all those in North and South Carolina who have lost their homes, businesses, and belongings due to the flooding of Hurricane Florence. We also pray for all those who will be assisting them as the extent of the storm's destruction becomes clear.
- ◆ We pray for peace in the world and in our hearts.

Pastor 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, September 17

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

4:00 p.m. FLC in use until 6:30

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

Tuesday, September 18

- 8:45 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool Field Trip to McClure's Apple Orchard
- 10:30 a.m. Staff meeting - Staff Room
- 12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Room 213
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, September 19

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

Thursday, September 20

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

Friday, September 21

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

Saturday, September 22

- 5:00 p.m. All Church Cookout / Bonfire / Campout until worship on Sunday - church grounds

Sunday, September 23

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Who is the greatest?*
Scripture: Mark 9:30-37
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
Melodia Choir Practice
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
Dying Well "Planning Ahead" Series - Chapel
- 12:00 p.m. Mentor / Youth Potluck - FLC followed by Photo Scavenger Hunt - starting at church and ending at Borgmanns'
- 2:30 p.m. Sr High Canoeing & Kayaking -
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Narthex in use

Jubilee Class

- Sept. 23** ~ Dying Well: Planning Ahead Series
with Questers
- Sept. 30** ~ No SS ~ meet the Youth Pastor candidate

Koinonia Class

- Sept. 23** ~ "Birthing a New Community"
with Marie Willoughby
Persons of all ages are welcome...new persons especially!

Questers Class

- Sept 23** ~ Dying Well: "Planning Ahead" Series
- Sept 30** ~ Meet the Youth Pastor Candidate

All Church Camp Out ~ THIS SATURDAY!!

All Church Camp Out to be held on our church grounds!

- ◆ Yard Games begin at 5:00
- ◆ Carry-in Meal at 6:00 - Hot dogs, drinks, and s'mores provided - Please bring a dish to share.
- ◆ Campfire beginning at 7:00 with singing and s'mores - Plan to bring chairs for around the campfire.
- ◆ Bring your tent and plan to campout - Concludes with worship on Sunday morning.



Make plans to come and join in on all of the fun or come for the parts that work in your schedule!

Hope to see you for an evening of outdoor fun!

Dying Well: "Planning Ahead" Series

Sunday, Sept 23 ~ 10:45 am ~ Chapel

The Nurture Commission is presenting this workshop in the Dying Well series.

- ◆ Do you know what final plans need to be made for your death?
 - ◆ How can you take stress and burden off your loved ones and you by preparing now?
- Kelly McKee and Steve Hammer will be presenting a workshop on arrangements, financial planning, and preparing with your social support network.

We will be meeting Sunday in the Chapel during the Sunday School hour. Kelly and Steve will provide useful tips that will help you to start thinking and planning.

Volleyball is Back!

Join us
Tuesday nights at 7:30
in the Church Family Life Center



Church Board Summary

At the Executive Board meeting of August 15, 2018, members acted on several substantive items. Stewardship Commission presented the first draft of the 2019 Church Budget. The board also heard a proposal for reconfiguring support staff positions to better reflect the type of work and the amount of work staff are doing. And the chair reported that a small negotiating team has been working with a candidate for Pastor of Youth Ministry and Congregational Life on the terms of a contract. If the committee and the candidate can agree on the terms of a contract, the candidate will visit the congregation on **Sunday, September 30**. The candidate will participate in leading worship and be available for questions and conversation during a specially-called congregational council meeting to call a pastor.

In regard to the process of calling a pastor, the board passed a motion asking the Council to suspend Article IV.1 of the bylaws (description of who may vote) for this meeting only, allowing anyone who is an active participant in the Manchester Church of the Brethren and is in the sixth grade or older to vote to call a Pastor of Youth Ministry and Congregational Life. The bylaws extend the privilege of voting at Council Meetings to members and associate members, which in this case excludes some youth and some adults who are the chief beneficiaries of this ministry. To make sure youth voices were heard in selecting a youth pastor, two youth members have been serving on the search committee and a dozen youth met with and interviewed the candidate. However, because the congregation encourages membership at the age at which a person is capable of the responsibilities of membership, younger youth are not yet members and are therefore not eligible to vote. The congregation also includes a number of individuals and families, including parents of youth, who are very active and supportive but who, for a variety of reasons, have not officially joined the congregation, but function in every other way as members, including serving on board and committees, teaching Sunday school, and leading worship. **On September 16, the congregation will meet immediately after worship to consider suspending (not changing) the bylaws for this particular call. Then on September 30, the congregation will hold a second council meeting to call a pastor.**

In other business, Al Hohl reported on behalf of Nominating Committee on the status of the 2019 slate for board and delegate positions. Karen Eberly brought names of two people who wish to have membership in the congregation. And Jan Fahs gave a positive financial report, noting that the cash reserve ratio, an indicator of financial health, is 3.30.

Bring your Food Pantry Items this Sunday!



Feeding the Community

The cupboard is bare! Let's fill it again! The youth will resume food delivery to our local food pantry this fall. Our cupboard "safe" is in the vestibule in front of the hanging quilt. There is a box inside for monetary gifts as well.

Please check the expiration dates on the items first.

Delivery will be made **by the youth this Sunday**

Quilters...we need your help!

It's time again for the Annual Peabody Quilt Show! Don't miss your chance to enter a quilt. We need one entry from our church. It is a chance to win \$1000 for our church.



- ◆ Quilts will be due at Peabody by November 21
- ◆ Quilts will be on display to be viewed and voted on the week of Dec 1-7.

Application deadline is October 8.

The application is at the church office. For questions, or more information, contact Angie Woolard, (260)578-3219.

Please Take Me Home!

We appreciate your donation of food for funeral dinners, events, and carry-ins! We are accumulating many home-sick items that have been left behind. Please check the kitchen cart and table in the Narthex for any items that may belong to you. There is also an abundance of "Lost n' Found" waiting to be claimed! Thank you!

Childcare During Worship

There are openings for **helpers in the nursery during church for this fall. Please stop** at the table in the Narthex after church to sign up! This is a great way to get better acquainted with our children!





Sr High:

Sept 22 ~ All church cookout and campout

- 5:00 pm ~ games
- 6:00 pm ~ carry-in
- 7:00 pm ~ singing and campfire

Coming up:

- ♦ **Sept 30** ~ Meet the Youth Pastor Candidate.
- ♦ **Oct 14** ~ Sing in worship & host the fellowship meal.
- ♦ **Oct 14** ~ Afternoon service project is in the works.
- ♦ Think about possible dates for the youth musical

Jr High:

Sept 23 ~ Mentor & Youth Potluck ~ FLC with Photo Scavenger Hunt to follow ending up at the Borgmanns'

Sept 30 ~ Meet & Greet the Youth Pastor Candidate

Friday night get-togethers are being planned.
Stay tuned for more information!

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**It's our Turn to Help!**

Yes...it's our turn to head up the **Community Suppers** for September! The first one was this past Tuesday. Thank you for your help! Our congregation will again be in charge on **Tuesday, September 25th**.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex after church and also in the following adult Sunday School classrooms: Pathfinders, Jubilee, & All Things Considered.

Please consider how you can boost this act of kindness, either by supplying a portion of food and/or volunteering to help with set-up, serving or clean up.

Questions? Please contact Laura Gable at 578-0378.

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Beacon PROJECT SPOTLIGHT Grants!

Please Keep Voting!

www.beaconcu.org/project-spotlight

We are pleased that the **Fellowship of Churches, Manchester Early Learning Center, and One World Handcrafts**, along with other organizations we are all passionate about, have been nominated for these grants. Please consider taking a few minutes **each day** to vote!
Voting ends September 30!

Updates on Council Meetings

At the Special Council Meeting held **September 16**, the motion to suspend Article IV.I of the bylaws passed. Those voting to call a Pastor of Youth Ministry and Congregational Life on September 30, 2018, may now include anyone who is an active participant in the Manchester Church of the Brethren and is in the sixth grade or older.

September 30 ~ 10:45 ~ Sanctuary

There will be a special Council meeting on September 30 to call a new Associate Pastor of Youth Ministry and Congregational Life. This Council meeting will follow worship with a time of introduction of questions & answers with the candidate.

October 14 ~ 1:00 ~ Sanctuary

This will be our yearly Fall Council meeting to vote on the slate and budget for 2019.

Thank you, Al Hohl Moderator

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

**EvenSong**

**Wednesday, September 19 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel**

Led by Jonathan Shively

"Eyes on Jesus"

(video and images will be used)

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

Everyone is Welcome!

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Shepherd's Center Fall Programs

September 19 ~ 8:30 ~ Town Life Center

- ♦ **MEDTALK** ~ TBA
- ♦ **CURRENT EVENTS /Russia** ~ David Swartz, US State Dept., Retired

Check out our newsletter at: <http://nmshepherd.com>

Consider joining MSC. Dues are \$8 yearly.

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**United Methodist Church Dinner**

**Friday, Sept 21 ~ 4:30-7:00pm ~ 306 E 2nd St**

Baked steak, green beans, mashed potatoes/gravy salad, dessert, drink!

Carry-out available

Adults: \$8 / Child 7-12 \$5 / 6 and under free

Please join us!

## Peace Week at Timbercrest

**Monday, Sept. 17 ~ 10:00 am ~**

**Assembly Room**

Service Project making 'peace packets' for MES, to be used in the anti-bullying education program.



**Tuesday, September 18 ~ Noon ~ Assembly Room**

World Awareness Luncheon - how the rest of the world lives. Sign up for this lunch (982-6970).

**Thursday, September 20 ~ 10:00am ~ Chapel**

ICAN presentation on some history of nuclear weapon build-up and portions of the 2017 Nobel Peace acceptance speeches.

**Friday, September 21 ~ 2:00 ~ Chapel**

"The Franciscan Way of Peace" with Bill Duffy, a Franciscan and Professor at St. Francis University.

**All week:** wear blue, especially blue scarves or neck ties to show the solidarity with the Blue Scarf Peace Movement which began in 2008 in Kabul where Afghan Peace volunteers met to pray for peace and justice. Blue represents the expansive blue sky we all share and has become a global symbol of togetherness.

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### Sing! Sing! Sing!

**September 18 ~ 6:45-9:00pm ~ Timbercrest**

The Chain-O-Lakes Chorus invites all men to sing along with them at the North Manchester 'Guest Night'!

Refreshments served afterward

Contact Dick Sutton for more info: 574-834-2571



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### Meet the Candidates

**Monday, Sept 24 ~ 6-7:30pm ~ Library Blocher Rm**

Voters of all political stripes are invited to Meet the Candidates in the Blocher Room of the Manchester Public Library. Sponsored by Democrats of Wabash County, the event will allow area residents to meet a number of Democratic candidates on the Nov. 6 ballot, learn about their views and ask questions. Dee Moore, candidate for State Rep. District 17; Gary Snyder, candidate for State Senate District 17; Joselyn Whitticker, candidate for State auditor, and others will attend. Anyone who is eligible to vote can register at the event. Indiana's deadline for registration is Oct. 9.

## Movies at Timbercrest

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

◆ **Friday, September 28 ~ I Can Only Imagine**



Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

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### Amal: When Hope Endures Art as Therapy with Syrian Refugees

**August 24 - November 14 ~ MU Switzer Center**

They are children of war. They have lost their homes, their cities, and their families. Orphaned children are struggling to find themselves and their place in this world. Many of them have lost their ability to communicate. Many have hearing loss which also robs them of their voice. "Hearing the Call" works in the Syrian refugee camps in Jordan to not only partially restore their hearing but help try to reconnect them to the world. Through the Art Initiative, kids have been able to open up and express themselves and their feelings.

Paintings made by these children will be on display in Gallery G which is on the 2nd floor of the Switzer Center at Manchester University.

For more information, please contact Anne Gregory at 260-982-5285 or [aggregory@manchester.edu](mailto:aggregory@manchester.edu).

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## **Within our District ...**

### Next BLI Class...Biblical Interpretation

**Saturdays ~ October 27, Nov 10 & 17 ~ 9am-4pm**  
**taught by Tim Mophew & Craig Alan Myers**  
**Marion Church of the Brethren**

Friends,

The S/C Indiana District has **November 25-December 1** for which volunteers are needed. We share the week with the ILWI District. Work is in both North and South Carolina doing rebuilding from flooding after Hurricane Matthew passed through a couple years ago. Volunteers will be assigned as needed to either or both locations though all volunteers will be staying in Lumberton, NC. An assistant cook/household volunteer will be needed.

Questions? Contact Cliff Kindy  
at 260-982-2971 or [kindy@cpt.org](mailto:kindy@cpt.org)

## ***Camp Mack Corner***



### ***Upcoming Events:***

**October 5-6** ~ Fun Leadership Youth Events

**October 6** ~ Camp Mack Festival

**October 13-14** ~ Father Son Retreat

**October 17-21** ~ Quilt Retreat

**October 22-25** ~ Seasoned Citizens Retreats

Check out the flyers on the tower in the Vestibule!

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