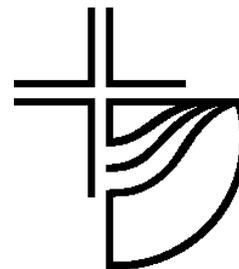


# Manchester Church of the Brethren

## NEWSLETTER

Week of September 2, 2018  
Peacefully, Simply, Together



### Prayer Concerns

We hold in our hearts and in our minds all the thoughts, joys and concerns from this past week. Sharing our joys and our sorrows in the midst of this faith community is one of the ways we continue to experience deeper relationships with each other 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 pray for those people who aren't able to join us in worship due to their current health challenges or their continuing physical limitations. Those people include: **Alice Frantz, Doris Snell, Evelyn Niswander and Joan Deeter.**
- ◆ We pray for **Mae Johnston, Teresa Clingaman's** mother, who will be having a medical procedure on Tuesday morning, September 4.
- ◆ We pray also for **Martha Bowman** who will be having surgery on Tuesday, September 4.
- ◆ We pray for **Gene Valentine** recovering at home following an out-patient surgery this past Wednesday, August 29.
- ◆ We pray for **Peggy Gilbert** as she continues her rehabilitation in Kingston Care.

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

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist.** We pray for the new Youth house that is being built near the Alegria community. We celebrate this safe place for social support and for learning the arts, as well as pre-college classes.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Peru Church of the Brethren.** We also pray for the **Northern Indiana District** and their District Executive, **Torin Eikler.**
- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN,** as they work at reconciliation within their country.
- ◆ We offer prayers of whole-ness for **Esther Usman.**
- ◆ We pray for **Lisa Crouch** as she begins work as associate director for Children's Disaster Services. Lisa is a Child Life Specialist and has served as a

volunteer with previous CDS responses. She is taking over for retiring associate director **KathyFry-Miller.** We pray for strength, energy, and enthusiasm as Lisa settles into this role and ministry of caring for children affected by disaster. And we pray for Kathy as she makes her transition into new retirement adventures.

- ◆ We pray for peace in our hearts and around the world.

### **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 3**

**Church office closed for the holiday**

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

#### **Tuesday, September 4**

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool

10:30 a.m. Staff meeting - Staff Room

1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

#### **Wednesday, September 5**

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool

1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

2:45 p.m. Nurture Commission - TC Education Rm

7:30 p.m. PMPC - Room 213

**Thursday, September 6**

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. FLC in use until 6:30
- 7:00 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

**Friday, September 7**

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

**Saturday, September 8**

- 9:00 a.m. All Church Work Day - Church Grounds

**Sunday, September 9**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *What did you say?*  
Pastor Kurt  
Scripture: Mark 7:24-37
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education  
Acolyte Training - Sanctuary  
Jr Highs / Parent Planning meeting -  
Jr High Classroom
- 12:00 p.m. Preschool - 5th Grade Family Potluck -  
FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Narthex in use

**Jubilee Class**

- Sept. 9** ~ MCoB Story Corps with Wilbur McFadden
- Sept. 16** ~ No SS ~ Hosting Fellowship Meal
- Sept. 23** ~ Dying Well Series with Questers
- Sept. 30** ~ No SS ~ meet the Youth Pastor candidate

**Koinonia Class**

- Sept. 9 – Sept. 23** ~ “Birthing a New Community”  
with Marie Willoughby  
Persons of all ages are welcome...new persons especially!

**Questers Class**

- Sept 9** ~ “Understanding traits and variants”, in regards to  
the topic, “Ancestry” with “23 and me” results  
with Robert Shank and Wilson Lutz  
All are welcome to come and understand your Brethren  
ancestry and medical heritage in laymen’s terms.
- Sept 23** ~ Dying Well Series
- Sept 30** ~ Meet the Youth Pastor Candidate

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Thursday, September 13 ~ 12:00-6:00 ~ FLC**

**With gratitude...**

Dear CoB Friends,

During the last several months of our daughter’s life, I have felt your loving arms around me. When Barbara Ramsbey Ihnen’s health was on a downward spiral, I felt your comfort and prayers for healing. And, I also felt your warmth and rejoicing during times she was on an upward swing and feeling better. Barb departed from this world on August 17th. She is remembered for the many lives she impacted positively during her short 61 years of life.

My thanks to each of you for your support and prayers. I now ask for prayers of strength in the difficult days ahead.

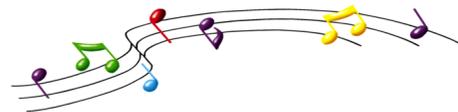
Blessings to Each of You,  
Lynette (Lyn) Ramsbey

**Join the Choirs!**

Rehearsals for **Ecclesia Choir** are **Thursdays** at **7:00** in the choir room.

The choir will sing in worship on **September 9 & 23**.

The **Bell Choir** practices on **Tuesdays** at **6:30** in the Sanctuary.



**Meals-on-Wheels Drivers Needed**

We need drivers from 10:50-12:00 M-F. Some of our volunteers only drive once a month, while others drive every week. The routes go as far as Liberty Mills and Laketon. Drivers need to have a valid drivers license, car insurance and their own vehicle.

Please call 982-6010 if you can help!

**Food Pantry**

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.



**Feeding the Community**

Deliveries will be made **September 23 & October 7**.

### 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.

### All Church Work Day THIS SATURDAY!

**9:00 - 11:30 am ~ Church Grounds**

The Property Commission is once again asking for your help with more weeding and pruning that is needed to keep our grounds looking nice. Please join us!

Property Commission



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### 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!

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### CBWF ~ September 13 ~ 9:00-3:00

We meet the second Thursday of the month through May. The Women's Fellowship makes comforters for children.

The following are always needed:

- ◆ Cotton blend and cotton fabric for tops
- ◆ Old sheets to put between the tops and flannel backs



Bring a dish to share for lunch...unless this is your first time...*you are our guest!*

Call Esther Rupel at 982-1410 if you have any questions

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### Beacon PROJECT SPOTLIGHT Grants!

**Keep Voting!!** [www.beaconcu.org/project-spotlight](http://www.beaconcu.org/project-spotlight)

And with that said...we are pleased that the **Fellowship of Churches** is one of the groups nominated for these grants. **Manchester Early Learning Center** and **One World Handcrafts**, along with other organizations we are all passionate about, have also been nominated. Please consider taking a few minutes each day to vote!

Voting ends **September 30!**



**Sr High:**

**Sept 9** ~ Worship & Sunday School  
3:00 pm ~ photo scavenger hunt  
**Sept 16** ~ Worship & Sunday School  
**Sept 22** ~ All church cookout  
& camp out

**Sept 23** ~ Worship & Sunday School -  
Food pantry delivery  
**Sept 30** ~ Meet the Youth Pastor Candidate

**Jr High:**

**Sept 9** ~ Parent / Youth planning meeting  
during Sunday School - Jr High Room

**Dying Well Series**

The Nurture Commission is presenting an upcoming 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 love 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 on Sunday, September 23rd in the Chapel during the Sunday School hour.** Kelly and Steve will provide useful tips that will help you to start thinking and planning.

**All Church Camp Out ~ Saturday September 22-23**

Save the date for the second annual fall All Church Camp Out to be held on our church grounds!

- ◆ Games begin at 5:00
- ◆ Carry-in Meal at 6:00
- ◆ Campfire beginning at 7:00 with singing around the campfire s'mores more evening games and fun!
- ◆ 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!**

**Mark your calendars...Council Meetings!**

**September 16 ~ 10:45 ~ Sanctuary**

Immediately following worship, we will meet to consider and vote on suspending (not changing) our bylaws for the particular call of Associate Pastor of Youth Ministry and Congregational Life.

**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

**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!



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

Yes...it's our turn to head up the **Community Suppers** for September! Offering our assistance to this Manchester Fellowship of Churches ministry, our congregation is asked to be in charge of two meals for Tuesday, **September 11th** and Tuesday, **September 25th** - served at Zion Lutheran Church.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex after church and also in the following adult Sunday School classrooms: Pathfinders, Jubilee, and 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.

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

### **EvenSong**

**Wednesday, September 5 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel**

Led by David Lawrenz

This will be the **6th Anniversary of EvenSong** which began on September 5, 2012. The premise was to have a vespers-like afternoon worship, inviting residents, staff and their families/ friends as leadership. Thank you all who have served.

Questions? Call Liz Hoffman Bauer, 260-306-1690  
Everyone is Welcome!

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### **Shepherd's Center Fall Programs**

**September 5 ~ 9:00 am ~ Town Life Center**

- ♦ CURRENT EVENTS/Newstalk ~ David Waas, MU History Professor, Retired
- ♦ Adventures in Learning ~ John Klingler - Experiences Teaching in Saudi Arabian Higher Education

**Check out our newsletter at:** <http://nmshepherd.com>  
Consider joining MSC. Dues are \$8 yearly.

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### **Eel River Arts Fest**

**Saturday, Sept 8 ~ 10am-4pm**  
**Eel River Garden & Firehouse**

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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).

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

### **District Conference**

**Saturday, September 15 ~ Grandview CoB**

**Join us for...**

- ♦ Worship
- ♦ Fellowship with others
- ♦ Reports from committees and agencies
- ♦ Insight sessions
- ♦ Dessert auction

### **Friday, Sept 14 District Conference**

**Everyone is invited to participate in...**

**1:00:** Pastoral Self-Care Worships with Dan Poole

**5:30** Fellowship and Appetizers

**6:00** Dinner

**7:00** Rebecca Dali brings an update about Nigeria

Register through the District Office.

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Friends,

The S/C Indiana District has two weeks for which volunteers are needed. **September 9-15** there are more positions to fill and **November 25-December 1** there are six positions to fill as we share the week with the IL/WI 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 that week to either or both locations though all volunteers will be staying at a Presbyterian Church in Lumberton, NC. An assistant cook/household volunteer will be needed for both dates.

What would free you up to join for part of this rebuilding effort that may continue for many months or years?

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

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## ***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!

This is the 20th year for Camp Mack Festival on **October 6th!** We are trying to have the biggest group of churches participating. If your church has not decided yet about coming, please consider having a booth at the festival. This will be helping Camp Mack plus an excellent day for meeting old friends and making new ones.

Please feel free to email me:

Sue Freel Booth at [suefreel@kampco.com](mailto:suefreel@kampco.com)

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