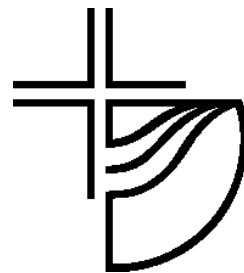


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of February 3, 2019
Peacefully, Simply, Together



Prayer Concerns

I want to share with you these prayer concerns for our faith community as well as concerns that connect us to the wider world. Our sharing for prayer is a way to hold all these things in a spirit of compassion and love, as well as offering all this into God's hands and God's heart. Please keep these 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: **Raymond Johnson, Doris Miller** and **Louise Williams**.
- ◆ We pray for **Peggy Gilbert** at Kingston Care & Rehabilitation as she receives antibiotics for pneumonia following a recent hospitalization.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Hamer** and her family as they gather Saturday afternoon, February 9th, for the Memorial Service for **John Hamer**. The Memorial Service is in the Timbercrest Chapel at 1:15 with visitation following the service. There will also be a visitation on Sunday afternoon, February 10th from 1:00 - 4:00 in Fort Wayne at the Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren.
- ◆ We pray for our new Guatemalan friends – Silvia Montecinos Alvarez, her son Cristian and daughter Daniela. They are living with **Beth Beery** and **Jim Bennett** as they move through the legal process of asylum-seeking. Our church will be supporting them during this time.

May each of these people be surrounded by God's loving presence.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Emmanuel Baptist**. We offer a special prayer for El Salvador's national presidential election, which was Sunday. A strong supporter for human rights, for safety and for justice is running and is leading in the polls. Our sisters and brothers in Emmanuel need our solidarity.

- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, as they continue to support their congregations through difficult times.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Arcadia Church of the Brethren**. We pray that their congregation might know the leading of God's spirit. We also offer prayers for the **Northern Indiana District** and their District Executive, **Torin Eikler**.
- ◆ We pray for peace.

Pastor on Call: Kurt Borgmann

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Pastors' Schedules

Kurt ~ Tuesday through Friday
Karen ~ Monday through Thursday
Seth ~ Tuesday through 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, February 4

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

Tuesday, February 5

9:30 a.m. Preschool
10:00 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. FLC in use for 5th/6th grade Girls' BB until 7:00 - Garber/Lambert
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Camp Mack Finance Mtg - Conf. Room
7:00 p.m. Property Commission - Staff Room
7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, February 6

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. FLC in use until 6:00
- 6:00 p.m. FLC in use for 4th grade Girls' BB until 7:30 - Egolf / Sautter
- 7:00 p.m. PMPC - Room 213

Thursday, February 7

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 5:30 p.m. FLC in use for 5th/6th Grade BB - Garber
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, February 8

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 1:00 p.m. Church as Peacemaker Committee - Petersime Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Soccer - FLC

Saturday, February 9

- 8:00 a.m. Building in use - Fahs
- 1:15 p.m. Memorial Service for John Hamer with Visitation following - Timbercrest Chapel

Sunday, February 10

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Fishing in deep waters*; Pastor Kurt
Scripture: Luke 5:1-11
Youth Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
Melodia Choir Practice
Jr High Youth & Parent Meeting - FLC
- 11:45 a.m. Sr High Food Pantry Drop-off
- 12:00 p.m. Sr High Youth Lunch - Hippensteels'
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

Looking ahead...

Koinonia Class will be led by Ron Petry

- February 10** ~ *The Source of All Love*
- February 17** ~ *God's Overflowing Love*
- February 24** ~ *God's Love Manifested*

Questers Class

- February 10** ~ *Children's Disaster Ministries*
with Kathy Fry-Miller
- February 17** ~ *Immigration Issues* with John Hartsough
- February 24** ~ *Combined Classes* with Ruthann Angle

Adult Combined Sunday School Class

February 24 ~ Ruth Angle with MIM and the Witness Commission share about a Wabash County Initiative to help the homeless.

Conversations with Seth & Laina

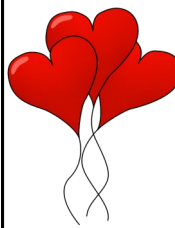
The Transition Team is asking for several members of our congregation to host a group in their home for the purpose of getting more acquainted with each other and discussing some questions that Seth will prepare. If you are interested, please check in at the table after church to sign up or call the church office.

Your responsibilities would be:

- ◆ Hosting a gathering in your home or at the church at your convenience
- ◆ Decide if you would like to serve a light meal, dessert, have a potluck, or have the Fellowship Commission help with the food
- ◆ Decide when you like to meet...day, time, month
- ◆ Invite your friends, neighbors, family, or if you would like for us to give you a list.

It will be important to coordinate dates and those invited.

Transition Team
Sue Mock
Jan Fahs-Brown
Katherine Haff



**Valentine's Day
Special Parents' Night Out!!**

Saturday, February 16 ~ 5-9pm ~ MCoB

The Junior High Youth would like to offer you a special gift this Valentines Day... **Free childcare** so that you and your Valentine can spend an evening out!

The youth, along with several adults, will be available to watch your child(ren) at the church from 5:00 - 9:00 pm on Saturday, February 16.

We will provide a supper of macaroni and cheese, hotdogs, carrot sticks, apples, and a special dessert treat. We will have games and activities available for the kids during the evening and will show a movie at 8pm.

It would be helpful for us to know how many children to expect and their ages, **so please contact the church office to reserve your spot.**

If you have questions, please contact Loyce Borgmann at 224-688-0002.



Senior High:

- ◆ **February 10 ~** Youth will be singing in worship. Food Pantry Drop-off...after Sunday School. Can you assist? Meal will be at noon ~ Hippensteels'
- ◆ **April 27-May 2 ~** Christian Citizenship Seminar ~ New York City and Washington D.C. Let Seth know if you have not signed up and would like to go!
- ◆ **National Work camps...**
Thinking about workcamp this summer? Options are:
June 8-14 in New Meadows, Idaho
June 23-29 in Lybrook, New Mexico
July 29-August 4 in Portland, Oregon
Go to <http://www.brethren.org/workcamps/>

Thank you for your attendance and participation at the Youth & Parents Meeting...here is a little art response from our time together reflecting around "core values" of this faith community and words describing the youth group.



Junior High:

- ◆ **February 10 ~** Youth & Parent Meeting during Sunday School ~ FLC
- ◆ **February 16 ~** Parents' Night Out...Jr High assisting with child care ~ 5-9:00 pm.
- ◆ **February 22 ~** Pizza & Ice Cream Bar at the Hupp Browns ~ 5:30-8:30 702 E 9th St
- ◆ **June 14-16 ~** National Jr High Conference & Heritage Tour ~ Elizabethtown, PA. with the full trip being **June 12-16**. Cost would be half of the registration fee: \$90 plus some meals. This trip has been a tradition at MCoB. Contact Seth if you have any questions or if you want to sign up. Go to <http://www.brethren.org/yya/njhc/> for more information.
- ◆ **Camp Mack Summer youth programming ~** Many options for those interested! Registration will begin **February 18**. Stop by the church office to pick up a booklet if you did not receive one in the mail. First come, first serve!



Winter or Spring?

Indiana Weather...



Just another reminder that if we need to cancel church on Sunday morning, please check our Facebook page. Cancellations will be posted by 7:30 that morning. For Timbercrest residents, information about cancellations will be listed on the Timbercrest Channel.

2019 Directories

The 2019 Directories will be available beginning Sunday, February 10. You may pick up your directory at the table in the Narthex on Sunday or in the church office the next week.

The directories are labeled with your name on the back...one per family. You are welcome to have an extra for your car, office, etc. We are printing them as requested. If we missed you or you need more than one, Please sign up at the office or at the table in the Narthex. Additional directories will be available within a week from the request.

NOAC 2019: Reaching Into Joy...mark your calendar!

September 2-6 ~ Lake Junaluska, NC

Registration will begin in April.

Information is available at www.brethren.org/NOAC.

Within our Community...

Shepherd's Center Winter/Spring Programs

February 6 ~ Blocher Room at the Library ~ 9:00

- ◆ CURRENT EVENTS ~ Matt Hendrix, MU Economics, Retired
- ◆ Ail ~ Amy Acree & Heidi Lovett ~ Library Special Programs

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

EvenSong

Wednesday, February 6 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel

Camp isn't just for kids!

led by Dennis Beckner

Please join us!

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

N Manchester United Methodist Church invites you to:

Dinner ~ Friday, Feb 8 ~ 4:30-7:00pm ~ 302 E 2nd St

Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans
Salad, Dessert, Drink

Adults \$8 ~ Children 7-12 \$5 ~ 6 & under free

Carry-out available

Movies at Timbercrest

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

♦ **February 15 ~ Thurgood Marshall**

Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189



Within our District...

Upcoming Brethren Leadership Institute Class

The spring class will be **Introduction to Theology**, and will be taught by Eugene Roop, location TBA. Those class dates are **March 9, March 23, and April 6.**

Register by sending an email to BrethrenLeadershipInstitute@gmail.com or call 260-982-8805. Classes are open to all.

Camp Mack Corner

Check out the flyers on the Tower in the Vestibule for these events!



Summer Camp Registration begins February 18!!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT CAMP:

- ♦ Feb. 14-17 ~ February Quilt Retreat
- ♦ Feb. 21-24 ~ Scrapbooking Retreat
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UPCOMING GET-A-WAY DAYS AT CAMP:

- ♦ February 11 ~ Eagle Watch
- ♦ February 23 ~ Scrapbooking
- ♦ February 23 ~ Board Games

Go to the Camp Mack website: www.campmack.org for information and to register or call 574-658-4831.