



### 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 with each other is one of the ways we continue to create deeper relationships within this community of faith. 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 worship with us due to their on-going health or physical limitations, even as we remember their faithfulness. They include: **Raymond Johnson** and **Doris Miller**. May they both know the full-ness of God's abundant love in their lives.
- ◆ We pray for **Nelson Metzger** who was hospitalized following a farm accident late Monday afternoon. May Nelson know God's healing presence as he continues to recover.
- ◆ We pray for **Susu Lassa** who is recovering from a successful outpatient surgery this past week. May Susu continue to be sustained by God's spirit in the coming days.
- ◆ We pray for **Jean Stone** recovering in Timbercrest Healthcare following a fall in which she sustained a broken bone, which doesn't require surgery. May Jean feel the support of God's abiding presence.
- ◆ We pray for **Roberta Hoffman** recovering at home in Timbercrest following a recent hospitalization. May Roberta know God's care as she gains strength.
- ◆ We pray for **Gene Valentine** as he recovers in Timbercrest Healthcare following a recent hospitalization. May Gene feel the assurance

of God's love and the support of our prayers.

- ◆ We pray for **Karen Sare** hospitalized in Indianapolis as she continues to receive treatment for organ rejection. May Karen be filled with the breath of God's spirit.
- ◆ We pray for **Herb Chinworth** who is now receiving hospice care. May Herb know the abundance of God's care.
- ◆ We pray for **Dorothy Weldy** hospitalized at Parkview Regional Medical Center. May Dorothy continue to be surrounded by our prayers and God's healing presence.
- ◆ We pray for **Annabel Rupel** hospitalized at Lutheran. May Annabel feel the blessing of God's abiding care.
- ◆ We pray for **Darlene Bucher** and her family on the death of her sister-in-law, Bettylou Early. The service is Monday, May 1 in Arizona. May Darlene and her family continue to be surrounded by God's caring presence.
- ◆ We pray for **Arlene Deardorff** on the death of her husband, **Barry**. Barry died late Friday afternoon, April 28. Service arrangements are pending. May Arlene and her family and friends continue to feel God's love and comfort in the days ahead.

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

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for **Lidia Castro Mendez** and the Women's & Girls' Scholarship Program that she supervises. This program provides excellent training for many, in both education and vocational assistance.
- ◆ We join other churches in our District to pray for the **Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren**. May they know the leading of God's

spirit in their worship and their out-reach. We also pray for the Mid-Atlantic District and their District Minister, **Gene Hagenberger**.

- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman** who remains a hostage of the Boko Haram. May she be filled with God's grace and courage each day. We also pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**. May they continue to seek to answer God's call.
- ◆ We pray for the leaders of our country. May they have wisdom, vision and clarity in the midst of their service.
- ◆ And we pray for peace in our hearts and in the hearts of those around the world.

#### **Cards for Karen Sare**

Cards may now be sent to:

IU Methodist Hospital  
%Karen Sare  
1701 Senate Blvd  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

#### **Pastor On-Call**

Kurt's home: 901-6110; cell: 901-1851  
Karen's home: 982-8420; cell: 578-1247

**April 30 ~ Karen**  
**May 7 ~ Kurt**  
**May 14 ~ Karen**  
**May 21 ~ Kurt**

#### **Pastors' Schedules**

**Kurt ~ Tuesday through Friday**  
**Karen ~ Monday through Thursday**  
**Jim ~ Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday**

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**Office Hours**

9:30 am-4:00 pm Monday-Friday

Closed 12:00-1:00 for Lunch

The church is open M-F at 9:30 for walkers.

**Weekly Calendar**

**Monday, May 1**

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. Bowen Group - FLC/Rm 301
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Center Décor - Rm 213

**Tuesday, May 2**

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Rm 213
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. Bowen Group - FLC/Rm 301
- 4:30 p.m. Nurture - Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Rm 220  
NO Bell Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Preschool Program - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Last Volleyball for season - FLC

**Wednesday, May 3**

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. Bowen Group - FLC/Rm 301

**Thursday, May 4**

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:30 p.m. Bowen Group - FLC/Rm 301
- 6:30 p.m. Taizé Choir - Chapel  
NO Ecclesia Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Education Commission - Library

**Friday, May 5**

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

**Saturday, May 6**

**Sunday, May 7**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship, *Gates and gatekeepers*,  
Pastor Kurt;  
Text: John 10:1-10  
Jr High Choir, Led Brethren
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 3:00 p.m. Symphony - Cordier at MU
- 7:00 p.m. AI-Anon - Room 213

**Fellowship Time**

Thank you to the Narthex Fellows for hosting Fellowship Time between Church and Sunday School.

**Adult Sunday School Classes**

Join the **Koinonia Class** in Bible study as they continue with "The Spirit Comes" Marie Willoughby will be the leader in May and into June. All are welcome!

**Worship in May**

**May 14: Mother's Day / Youth Sunday**  
*Generations Celebrating Faith*; Youth  
Text: Psalm 145:4; Acts 2:42-47  
Youth & Bell Choirs

**May 21: Keeping Christ's commandments**; Pastor Kurt  
Text: John 14:15-21  
Taize & Melodia Choirs

**May 28: And then...**; Pastor Kurt  
Text: Luke 24:44-53  
Ecclesia Choir

**Mark your Calendar!**

**June 4 ~ 2:00-4:00 p.m. ~ TC Assembly Room**

Let's Celebrate

**100**

Wonderful Years of  
**Dorothy Whitmore**

No gifts please

**Max Karg Receives Leadership Award**

**Max Karg**, a freshmen at Chaminade University in Hawaii, received the Bro. Joseph Becker Award of Excellence (freshman). Presented by the Office of Student Activities and Leadership the this award is granted:

*...annually to a freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior who displayed exceptional leadership through involvement in co-curricular activities; who showed outstanding qualities of character, leadership, service, integrity, and scholarship; who demonstrated initiative, motivation, and potential for continued student leadership; who motivated his or her fellow classmates to become actively involved in the campus community; who contributed time and energy to the improvement of student/campus life and his or her designated class/community/organization during the academic year. Congratulations Max!*

**Say "THANK YOU" to our YOUTH GROUP**

Help us show our young people how much they mean to us and give the 2018 NYC fund a 'kick start'.

**Buy a T-shirt** with the MELC logo on the front; and on the back:

**M CoB  
Youth  
Simply  
Awesome!**

Adult and Youth sizes are available (small to 2x). The cost is \$15 with at least \$5 of that going to the NYC fund. See Bud Tully in the

Narthex after church on **Sunday, May 7** to order your "Simply Awesome!" T-shirt, then wear it on **Sunday, May 14**, to the MELC dedication, and anywhere else you want. Let's fill the sanctuary with a sea of blue shirts on **May 14!**

**It's Marketplace 29 A.D. Year at VBS!!**

**June 12 – June 15 ~ 5:15-8:00 p.m. ~ MCoB**

Everyone looks forward to Marketplace A.D. Vacation Bible School! It is an opportunity for the children in our church as well as the children in our community to experience what life was like when Jesus lived.

It takes a whole village to raise a child...it takes a whole church for Marketplace A.D. !

***How can you help? There are so many ways!***

And so many choices!...Music, Bible Storytelling, Recreation, Meal Prep, Tribal Parent, Nursery Childcare...plus many Marketplace Vendors (jewelry, rope, kites, carpentry, candy, bread...).

***You may sign up to help in the Narthex, church office, or contact :***

Kim Reinoehl - [kireinoehl@gmail.com](mailto:kireinoehl@gmail.com), 982-1461 or 578-1492  
Megan Sarber - [megsarb@gmail.com](mailto:megsarb@gmail.com), 937-417-3174  
Kyle Short - [kyleevanshort@gmail.com](mailto:kyleevanshort@gmail.com), 614-698-6910

Registration forms for children ages 3 through 5th grade are available in the Peace Patch, church office, and on the church website.

**MOTHER'S DAY GRATITUDE PROJECT**

***Honor a woman you know and love by celebrating and supporting mothers around the world!***

Global Women's Project announces our annual Mother's Day Gratitude Project! Rather than buying more material gifts for your loved one, express your gratitude with a gift that helps other women around the world. Your donation allows us to fund projects focused on women's health, education, and employment. In

return, your chosen recipient(s) will receive a lovely, hand-written card indicating that a gift has been made in her honor, with a brief description of GWP.

To participate, send a donation to:

Global Women's Project  
c/o Emily Matteson  
6456 Adobe Circle Road South  
Irvine, CA 92617 (write checks to GWP)

Remember to include your name(s) and recipient's name and address. You may also make memorial donations, which will be honored on our website:  
[www.globalwomensproject.wordpress.com](http://www.globalwomensproject.wordpress.com).

Gratitude cards will be mailed in time for Mother's Day if you **send your request to Emily by May 8, 2017**. After the 8<sup>th</sup>, she will mail them as soon as she receives your request.

**COB Women's Fellowship Sewing Circle**

**Thursday, May 11 ~ 9:30 am to 3:30 pm ~ Narthex**

Bring a dish to share and join us for lunch!  
Questions? Call Esther Rupel: 982-1410

**"May Peace Prevail on Earth"**

**It's not too late! Extended deadline is May 30th!!**

This is the phrase on Peace Poles planted in yards around North Manchester and around the world. Have you always wished for a Peace Pole in your yard or business?

Well, the opportunity has come again! The Witness Commission is sponsoring a "Let's Plant Peace" drive to get more Peace Poles around town!

Since 2004, our congregation has had 20 poles delivered from the Peace Pole Makers in northern Michigan. It's possible that we have the largest number of Peace Poles per capita in the country!

Peace Pole Makers have a delightful website, showcasing the variety of poles and products they create including a video about their work. Peace Poles make great anniversary, birthday or Christmas gifts.

Go to [www.peacepoles.com](http://www.peacepoles.com).

You can order your own Peace Pole by May 30 and Scott Manges will pick them up in Maple City, Michigan and bring them to North Manchester in August (depending on the number of orders, they could be done earlier than August). By placing your order via phone, and mentioning Manchester Church of the Brethren will be picking them up, you will save \$58 in shipping costs.

Go to the website to choose the wood, color and languages and then call the company to place your order.

Website: [peacepoles.com](http://peacepoles.com) Phone: 231-334-4567

If you have any questions about the ordering process, just call their office or you may contact Debbie Chinworth.

**Connections with our Community...**

**Save the Date!**

**June 24 ~ 1:00-3:00 pm ~ New MELC**

Join us for the ribbon cutting ceremony and Open House at the new Manchester Early Learning Center located on Market Street across from the park.

**Connections with Timbercrest :**

**EvenSong**

**Wednesday, May 3 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel**

EvenSong this week will be led by Cliff Kindy, Sally Rich, & Ron Finney. They recently returned from a work camp in Nigeria.

This event is open to all!

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

### Movies at Timbercrest

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

- ◆ **Friday, May 5** - *Tracks*
  - ◆ **Friday, May 19** - *The First Grader*
  - ◆ **Memorial Day Monday, May 29** - *Mother Teresa*
- Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

### ***N Manchester Historical Society Presents:***

#### **Indiana Landmarks: Preserving, Revitalizing, Reconnecting**

**Monday, May 8 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ TC Assembly Room**  
Celebrate National Reservation Month.

#### **2017 May Friendship Day**

**Friday, May 12 ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ TC Assembly Room**  
Church Women United presents:  
"Kindling New Fires of LOVE"

### ***Connections with Manchester University :***

#### **Music is in the air!**

- **Friday, May 5:** MU Symphonic Band Spring Concert is 7:30 p.m. in Cordier Auditorium. \$5 general admission and free for MU students, faculty and staff
- **Friday, May 5:** The Jazz Ensemble will perform from 5 to 5:45 p.m. during the BBQ Hot Wing Cook-Off in the parking lot beside the Jo Young Switzer Center. The public is invited to eat and vote during the Chartwells cook-off from 4:30 to 7 p.m. It features competing sauce recipes from the MU community, and the winning sauce will be announced at 6:30 p.m. The meal price is \$7.61, plus tax.

- **Sunday, May 7:** The Manchester Symphony Orchestra season finale with Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5* is at 3 pm in Cordier. \$10 general admission and free for MU students, faculty and staff.
- **Sunday, May 14:** The Mother's Day Jubilant Song! choral concert is at 3 p.m. at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 N. Beckley St. Admission is free. It presents Cantabile with Scott Avery, conductor, and Il Quattro, Chamber Singers and A Cappella Choir with Debra Lynn, conductor.

A bake sale, Mother's Day Basket Silent Auction and freewill offering will help defray touring costs for the A Cappella Choir. Bake sale items are \$1-2. Mother's Day basket bidding starts at \$20-30.

#### **International Student Peace Pole Dedication and Potluck**

**Sunday, May 14:** The international student potluck at Manchester University will take place. The international students are creating peace poles which include all the primary languages spoken by Manchester students. The potluck will be outside of the Winger building on campus, with activities in the mall. Music starts at 4:00 with a peace pole dedication service around 5:00, followed by the potluck. There will be refrigerators and warmers to hold your food. Come join in the celebration and thank these students for their presence in our community, plus provide them a good meal as they go into finals week!

#### **Manchester University Soccer Team**

The Manchester University men's soccer team is taking another January session trip to Jamaica and will be participating in a work camp at the Maranatha School for the Deaf. Members of our congregation have a 30-year history and connections with Maranatha. The team is looking for fundraising opportunities to raise money for the workcamp. If you have something/anything that you want help with in exchange for a donation toward the workcamp, please contact Dave Good to make arrangements.

### **Manchester University Commencement**

**May 19 ~ Baccalaureate ~ 6:00 pm ~ Cordier**  
Reception following in Haist Commons at Switzer Union

**May 20 ~ Graduate & Professional ~ 10:00 am ~ Cordier**

**May 20 ~ Undergraduate ~ 2:30 pm ~ PERC Center**  
Doors open at 1:30 ~ Celebration following at Athletic Fields

#### **Summer Camps at MU**

Manchester University offers summer camps for youths who want to learn more about basketball, chess, cooking, football, LEGO basic skills, LEGO robotics, wrestling and string performance. It is also bringing back the popular scrapbooking and crafting retreat for all ages.

Camps will be on the Manchester campus in June and July, offering hands-on learning about specialized topics in a fun setting. Classes are taught by professionals, some of whom are Manchester's own coaches and faculty members. Praces and registration deadlines vary based on the camp. Information is available at [link.manchester.edu/summercamps](http://link.manchester.edu/summercamps).

### **Camp Mack Corner**



Summer Camp Registrations are still open!

Check out the many events taking place and then join in ...

**May 1-4 ~ Seasoned Citizen's Retreat**

**May 4-6 ~ Bird Watcher's Retreat**

**May 6 ~ Canoe the St. Joe River**

**May 6 ~ Dutch Oven Cooking**

**May 6 ~ Spring Wildflower Walk**

**May 7 ~ 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk**

**May 12-13 ~ Counselor /CIT Training**

**June 10 ~ Pumpkin Vine Bike Trail**

**October 7 ~ Camp Mack Festival**

Interested?! Call the Camp office; 574-658-483

Go to [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org)

Flyers are posted in our church with information

### **Connections with our District..**

#### **Denominational Vision Statement**

Through scripture, Jesus calls us to live as courageous disciples by word and action; to surrender ourselves to God; to embrace one another and to express God's love for all creation.

#### **Denominational Newsletter**

Newsline is produced by the news services of the COB. To subscribe, contact the editor at [cobnews@brethren.org](mailto:cobnews@brethren.org).

#### **South/Central Indiana District**

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### **SOUTH/CENTRAL INDIANA DISTRICT NEWS**

#### **Practice of Ministry Day**

**May 6 ~ 9-1 pm ~ Anderson CoB**

#### **Brethren Leadership Institute Orientation**

**May 6 ~ 1-3 pm ~ Anderson CoB**

#### **Chicken and Noodles Dinner**

**May 6 ~ 4-7:30 pm ~ Marion CoB**

Proceeds benefit the Nigeria Crisis Fund

### **Pulled Pork / BBQ Chicken Dinner**

**May 12 ~ 4-7 pm ~ Wabash CoB**

Proceeds for Wabash County Homeless & NYC 2018

#### **MAY PRAYER CALENDAR:**

**May 7:** Huntington CoB & Missouri & Arkansas Districts.

**May 14:** Kokomo CoB & the Northern Plains District.

**May 21:** Lafayette CoB & the Northern Ohio District.

**May 28:** Camp Mack

#### **June 1-3 ~ SC District Women's Camp ~ Camp Mack**

- ◆ Theme this year is "What is Love?"
- ◆ Key Speaker is Cinde Lucas.
- ◆ Lodging is in Sarah Major.
- ◆ Registration deadline is **May 5!**

Come for fun, fellowship, and inspiration! Registration for the full time is \$117. The event is open to all women; come and bring your friends. Part-time registration is available.

Information and registrations are posted in the vestibule or you can pick one up at the church office.

#### **District Conference Update**

#### **Saturday, September 16 ~ Camp Mack**

- ◆ Friday afternoon: Pre-Conference CEUs Event at Bethany CoB
- ◆ Friday: District Minister Beth's Leadership Dinner at Bethany CoB
- ◆ Friday Evening: Campfire at Camp Mack
- ◆ Friday Night Housing is available by contacting Camp Mack at 574-658-4831
- ◆ Saturday will include an auction of favorite desserts. Each congregation is asked to provide one dessert for sale, and all attendees should come prepared to spend a log of money!
- ◆ Bring your collection of cancelled stamps (proceeds go to Companeros en Ministerio).

### **Manchester Church of the Brethren**

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