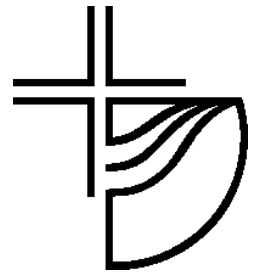


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of December 2, 2018
Peacefully, Simply, Together



Prayer Concerns

We hold in our hearts and in our minds all the thoughts, joys and sorrows from this past week. Sharing those things for which are grateful and those things which cause us sadness or concern is one of the many ways we create deeper relationships within this community of faith and a closer relationship with God. As we seek clarity and compassion to live faith-filled lives, please keep these spoken prayer concerns with you in the coming days.

Within our community of faith:

- ◆ 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. They include: **Lois Roop, Dorothea Williams, Esther Usman** and **Dwight & Helen Farringer**. Dwight is currently in Healthcare following a recent ER visit.
- ◆ We pray for **Becky Unger** who will be having an outpatient thyroid surgery on Wednesday, December 5th.
- ◆ We pray for **Ernie Barr**, hospitalized at Parkview Regional Medical Center.
- ◆ We pray for the family and friends of **Gary Zimmerman**. Gary died Thursday, November 29th. Visitation will be on Friday, December 7th at the church in the chapel from 2:00 - 7:00. The Memorial Service will be on Saturday, December 8th at noon, with visitation two hours before the service, beginning at 10:00, and interment at Oak Lawn immediately following the service.

May all these people experience the comfort and peace of God's abiding love in the coming days.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for their congregation to experience a renewed spirit of hope on this the first Sunday of Advent.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Upper Fall Creek Church of the Brethren** located east of Middletown. We pray for the ministries of their congregation. We also offer prayers for the

Western Pennsylvania District and their District Executive, Bill Wenger.

- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**. We give thanks for the celebration of autonomy for the **Gurku congregation of EYN** on Sunday, Nov. 18th. The Gurku congregation is located at an interfaith camp for displaced people near Abuja. The celebration of autonomy signifies that the church has attained full congregational status in EYN.
- ◆ We also continue to hold Esther Usman in our prayers.
- ◆ We offer prayers of gratitude for the work of **Children's Disaster Service** volunteers serving children displaced by the Camp Fire in California. A team of seven volunteers have completed two weeks of service, including time over the Thanksgiving holiday, at a disaster recovery center in the city of Chico. This team provided care and trauma support for more than 475 children. We pray for the continued response of CDS, as a new team of seven volunteers arrives and remains for the next two weeks.
- ◆ We pray also for the members of the **Paradise Church of the Brethren** whose church and parsonage were destroyed by the fire. All the people who were a part of the congregation were able to evacuate Paradise safely. However, in face of the extensive devastation, the congregation is choosing to disband.
- ◆ We pray for peace around the world and in our lives.

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, December 3

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Center Décor - Michael's Home

Tuesday, December 4

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Property Commission - Staff Room
- 7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, December 5

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Pastors' Lunch - Timbercrest
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 5:00 p.m. FLC in use until 6:30
- 7:00 p.m. PMPC - Room 213

Thursday, December 6

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 3:30 p.m. Sanctuary in use - Silvertones' Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary in use - MU Choir - Debra Lynn
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir will not meet.

Friday, December 7

- 9:00 a.m. Kitchen in use all day - MU A Capella
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 2:00 p.m. Visitation for Gary Zimmerman until 7:00 - Church Chapel
- 3:00 p.m. Narthex in use until 9:00 - MU A Capella
- 7:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols Service - Sanctuary

Saturday, December 8

- Building in use all day
- 10:00 a.m. Visitation for Gary Zimmerman
- 12:00 p.m. Funeral Service for Gary Zimmerman - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 9 Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:15 a.m. Advent Pre-Service Music
- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *After the silence*
Pastor Kurt
Scripture: Luke 1:68-79
Melodia & Bell Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education

- Children's Christmas Program Practice
- 12:00 p.m. Sr High Lunch at Hupp Browns'
- 1:15 p.m. Sr High Just the Guys Event - meet at Hupp Browns'
- 5:00 p.m. Just the Girls Event - Anita Sautter's
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Narthex in use

All Things Considered

December 9 ~ Global Women's Project Update
with Tina Rieman

Jubilee Class

December 9, 16 ~ Advent Series with Elizabeth Struble

Koinonia Class

December 9 ~ God Promises a Savior with Ron Petry

December 16 ~ The Affirmation of the Promise

with Marie Willoughby

December 23 ~ The Savior Has Been Born with Marie W

December 30 ~ Hymn Sing ~ Sanctuary

Questers Class

December 9 ~ *Taking Action: Letters to the Editor*

with David Waas and Ernie Barr

All Church Carol Sing

December 30 ~ During Sunday School ~ Sanctuary

Please Join Us!

Adult Combined Sunday School...Planning ahead...

January 20 ~ Death row project with Rachel Gross

February 3 ~ Grief Series

February 24 ~ MIM & Witness Commission sharing about a Wabash county initiative to help the homeless

March 31 ~ Hymn Sing

May 5 ~ Grief Series

It's Angel Tree Time!

Sunday, December 9 ~ Bring your gifts to church OR to the church during office hours
9:30-4:00 M-F.

The youth will deliver the gifts for us to St. Robert's Church on **December 13.**

Gifts will be delivered to the families on **December 22.**

Thank you for your generous support!





Sr High:

December 9 ~ 9:15 Advent Music
9:30 Worship & 10:45 Sunday School
Noon ~ Hupp Browns' for Lunch
1:15 ~ Boys leave for Just the Guys
5:00 ~ Just the Girls with Karen Eberly ~ Anita Sautter's

We are excited that there is an interest in attending the upcoming Christian Citizenship Seminar. Some have already registered...some are thinking about it! If you would like to go...

- 1) **Register via the brethren.org website.** Look first at <http://www.brethren.org/yva/ccs/>.
- 2) **Let Kurt know that you registered.**

Each youth family will need to pay the initial down payment cost, which is normally half of the total conference fee of \$425.00 The church will pay the other half. The church will also pay airfare. Youth families will need to cover other costs such as food, personal expenses, etc. If there is a need for additional assistance, let Kurt know.

We want everyone who wants to go to be able to go! Feel free to text Kurt with questions or problems when registering at 260-901-1851.

Jr High:

December 9 ~ After Sunday School there will be practice for the Jr Highs, who will be singing during the pre-service music on **December 23**. AFTER practice Kurt and Loyce will transport the kids to their house for lunch and a Christmas movie. They should done by 3:00.

Food Pantry Sunday ...December 23



Feeding the Community

Help the community families in need celebrate Christmas by bringing your food pantry items to church on **Sunday, the 23rd**. There will be an opportunity during worship to bring your items to the front of the church.

You are also welcome to bring items to the church anytime during the weeks prior.

The youth will deliver the items to the Food Pantry.

2019 Church Directory

Please stop at the table in the Narthex or contact the church office to confirm or update your contact information for the upcoming directory.

Joy...Giving thanks to God

The Church of the Brethren special Advent Offering highlights our commitment to Christ-like peacemaking. It supports the Core Ministries like Discipleship Ministries, international partnerships, the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy, and many others.

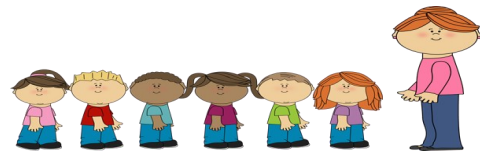
During church on **Sunday, December 16** we will collect our Advent Offering.

Peace Patch Preschool News

In December we are doing activities, singing, and learning about winter, mittens, and Christmas. We are also preparing for our first semester / December program on **December 18th at 6:15** in the sanctuary. You are invited to attend if you would like to join us...

Several people have asked if we need any supplies for our preschool. Two things that would be helpful are paper plates and containers of antibacterial/sanitizer wipes.

Thank you for your support of our preschool program.



Childcare during Worship

There are openings to help in the Nursery for the next few months. Please sign up to help at the round table near the name tags. You'll enjoy meeting the littlest members of our church family.

Save the date for JOYA

Friday, January 25 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Sanctuary

LuAnne Harley, Shawn Kirchner, Brian Kruschwitz, and Barb Saylor first dreamed up JOYA in 1993. The four BVSers turned it into a BVS project the following year.

Through drama and music, they bring Brethren history and Christian peacemaking alive for children, youth, and adults in the CoB congregations, schools, and camps across the country.

We invite you to join us for this concert!

Within our Community...

Shepherd's Center Fall Programs

December 5 ~ Town Life Center ~ 9:00

- ♦ CURRENT EVENTS/Newstalk ~ David Waas, MU History Professor, Retired
- ♦ *Ail* ~ Norm Gable ~ "The Village Blacksmith"

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

EvenSong

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

Kayla Brumbaugh, Lauren Gray, Deja Lung
A Christmas Drama

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

MU Symphony Orchestra Celebrates 80 years

Dr. Scott Humphries, Conductor

Holiday Pops ~ December 9 ~ 3:00 pm ~ MU Cordier

\$15 General Admission
18 years and younger Free
Free for MU faculty, staff and students

Christmas Cantata "Night of the Father's Love"

December 9 ~ 7:00 pm

N Manchester United Methodist Church

Join us for Christmas treats in the fellowship hall
following the cantata!

N Manchester Historical Society Presents

Wabash Musicales Christmas

Monday, December 10 ~ 6:30pm ~ TC Assembly Rm

"Christmas in Our Town"

performed by 25 musically talented women.

Movies at Timbercrest

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

- ♦ **Friday, December 14** ~ Victoria & Abdul
- ♦ **Christmas Day, December 25** ~

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Clause

Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189



Within our District...

Many thanks to Carol Spicher Waggy for her service to our district the last six months. Beth Sollenberger returns to the South/Central IN District Office in January.

District Board Reorganization

The District Board met on Saturday, November 4, for their annual Board Retreat. During the retreat, board members were elected to the following positions for 2019:

Earl Doll - chair

Glen Miller - vice-chair

December 9 is On Earth Peace Sunday

On Earth Peace has designated the second Sunday of December as a time to focus of the gospel message of peace as we continue to pray for peace in our lives and around the world.



Brethren Disaster Ministries

BDM is making assignments for 2019. Our district is scheduled for these dates:



February 3-9 we need 7 volunteers.

March 10-16 we need 15 volunteers.

September 8-14 we need 15 volunteers.

December 1-7 we need 7 volunteers.

In addition, Puerto Rico is taking disaster volunteers.

Contact Cliff Kindy for more information.

Cliff is serving in North Carolina until December 23.
During that time you can contact him at kindy@cpt.org.

Indiana Center for Middle East Peace

A Service of Solidarity

December 9 ~ 6:30pm

Plymouth Congregational Church UCC

5001 West Berry Street, Ft Wayne, IN

JOIN US to celebrate the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Our keynote speaker is Rev. Graylan Hagler.

Free childcare is provided.

L. Michael Spath

Camp Mack Corner



Upcoming Event:

December 8 ~ Children's Christmas Party ~ 11-7:00 ~ ages 5-12 ~ \$20 per child. Register by calling the camp.

Check out the flyers on the tower in the vestibule for more information.

Beginning at the first of the year, Camp Mack will have basic supplies in each of its lodges for rental groups. Up to this point, a rental group that planned to cook its own meals would also have to supply any of the cookware, utensils, and dinnerware it needed.

For a family reunion from across the country or a group serving students or other young people, this could be difficult. So, in meeting our goal of providing Holy Hospitality, we are stocking the kitchenettes to make it more useful to our guests. This means that Camp has a Christmas list to help us achieve our goal. If you have any new or nearly new, clean items on this list to donate, your gift will increase our ministry opportunities and provide welcome to people throughout the year.

Our Christmas list includes:

- 3 – 10" non-stick skillet
- 3 – toasters
- 3 – 1 1/2 qt. sauce pans
- 3 – manual can openers
- 3 – 3 qt. sauce pans
- 6 – cutting boards
- 3 – 4 qt. stockpots
- 3 – 9x13 baking dishes
- 3 – rubber scrapers
- 3 – colanders
- 3 – plastic spatulas
- 3 – cookie sheets
- 3 – metal spatulas
- 3 – mixing bowl sets
- 3 – plastic ladles
- 3 – dry measuring cup sets
- 3 – slotted plastic cooking spoons
- 3 – measuring spoon sets
- 3 – un-slotted plastic stirring spoons
- 3 – 2-cup glass measuring cups
- 6 – metal serving spoons
- 3 – large pitchers
- 6 – metal slotted serving spoons
- 3 – dish drying racks with mat
- 3 – tongs
- 12 – dish towels
- 3 – whisks
- 6 – dish cloths

- 3 – vegetable peelers
- 12 – hot pads
- 3 – paring knives
- 6 – trivets
- 3 – chef's knives
- 3 – long serrated knives

If you are able to provide any of these items, we will have a tree set up in the John Kline Welcome Center. You can bring them in and place them under the tree, or you can send them to us, and we'll put them there.

We also have all these items listed on our Amazon Wish List under Camp Mack You can order, pay, and ship from your easy chair!

On the day after Christmas, we'll post a video on Facebook of our tree and the gifts you have given. This is a fun way to participate in the continuing growth of our ministry.

Thank you for your prayers and all the gifts you have shared through the years.

Merry Christmas!

