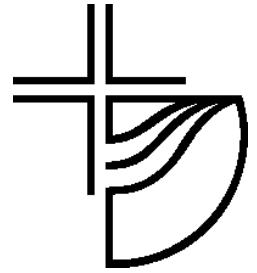


# Manchester Church of the Brethren

## NEWSLETTER

Week of December 24, 2018  
Peacefully, Simply, Together



### Prayer Concerns

We hold in our hearts and minds all the thoughts, joys and sorrows from this past week. Sharing those things for which we 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 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. They include: **Alice Frantz, Peggy Gilbert, Evelyn Niswander and Joan Deeter.**
- ◆ We pray for **Teresa Clingaman** who continues to move through her grief. We pray for her to experience God's comforting love.
- ◆ We offer prayers of support and care for **Lana Groombridge** who has returned home following a recent hospitalization. There will be an anointing service for Lana the afternoon of **Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00** in our chapel here at the church. Those people who would like to offer their presence and support to Lana and her family are invited to attend the service.

May these people all experience the abundance of God's love and hope.

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

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist.** We pray with our sisters and brothers of Emmanuel as we celebrate God's gift of Jesus to all of us... whatever our country or community, whatever our status in life...rich or poor, leaders or servants, children or adults. Together, we give thanks.
- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN.** May they continue to witness to the good news of Christ's birth.

- ◆ We pray for the **West Eel River Church of the Brethren.** May they have a renewed spirit and sense of purpose. We pray also for the **Shenandoah District** and their District Executive, John Jantzi.
- ◆ We pray for the completion of a vegetable seedling greenhouse in Honduras. PAG which is an economic and agricultural-development organization, received financial support for the project from the **Global Food Initiative of the Church of the Brethren.** The greenhouse will provide local farmers access to quality vegetable plants in order to help diversify their farm production, produce vegetables to supply local markets, and increase family consumption. The greenhouse is expected to produce seedlings for approximately 100 farmers across 30 to 50 communities in the area and will employ 10 to 15 women who will manage it as a business.
- ◆ And as we come close to the birth of Christ, we pray for peace in the world.

### Pastor on Call: Kurt Borgmann

Home: 901-6110 Cell: 901-1851

### 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.

**The church office will be closed:  
December 25, 28, 31 & January 1**

### Weekly Calendar

#### Monday, December 24

11:00 a.m. Building in use until 3:00 - Unger Family  
6:45 p.m. **Prelude for Christmas Eve Service**  
7:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Service followed by cookies and punch in the Narthex**

**Tuesday, December 25 Christmas!**

Church office is closed for the holiday

**Wednesday, December 26**

9:00 a.m. Building in use - Baldwin / Good Family  
9:30 a.m. Preschool Winter Break

**Thursday, December 27**

9:00 a.m. Conference Room in use all day  
Preschool Winter Break  
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC  
4:00 p.m. Chapel in use - Groombridge  
6:00 p.m. FLC in use until 9:00 - Shankster  
7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

**Friday, December 28**

Preschool Winter Break  
1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC  
7:00 p.m. Soccer - FLC

**Saturday, December 29**

7:00 a.m. Building in use until 9:00 pm - Driver

**Sunday, December 30**

9:30 a.m. Worship: *Christmas clothing*;  
Pastor Kurt  
Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
10:45 a.m. **All Church Carol Sing - Sanctuary**  
Children's classes will not meet.  
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213  
7:00 p.m. Narthex in use

**Christmas Eve Offering**

This year's offering will be used to begin a sponsoring relationship with a migrant family through the organization "Showing Up for Racial Justice" (SURJ). It may be a relationship with a person or family currently in the process of seeking asylum in the United States, or it may be a relationship with folks who have already be released from detention through SURJ's programs and who are building a life for themselves in the U.S.

If you wish to give and are not here for the Christmas Eve Service, **you may leave your offering at the church office during the week or in the offering plate this Sunday. Checks should be made out to the church and SURJ in the memo line on your check.**

We will keep the congregation updated as things develop.

**Reminder from the Stewardship Commission**

In order to receive credit for offerings in 2018, your contribution must be postmarked **by December 31** or received in the church office by **Thursday, December 27** (the last day the office will be open in 2018).



**Welcome Basket for our New Pastor!**

Please help extend a welcome to Seth, Laina, & their children and introduce yourself by:

- ♦ Donating a gift certificate to one of your favorite places in the area (ex. restaurants, groceries, gas stations, etc.)  
OR
- ♦ Providing a service or product (ex. chocolate chip cookies, a meal, babysitting, etc.)  
OR
- ♦ Giving helpful advice (ex. dentist, when is story hour, program at the library, etc.)  
AND
- Don't forget to sign your name.
- Cards & a basket will be available through **January 6**.
- Don't forget to wear your nametags each Sunday.
- If you don't have a nametag, contact the church office!

Transition Committee  
Sue Mock  
Katherine Haff  
Jan Fahs



**Senior High:**

- December 24** ~ 6:45 pm Prelude followed by Christmas Eve Service
- December 30** ~ Worship at 9:30  
10:45 Sunday School with John Hartsough presenting the church's solar energy project
- January 5-6** ~ Winter Retreat at Koinonia

**Junior High:**

- December 24** ~ 6:45 pm Prelude followed by Christmas Eve Service. **Help serve cookies after the service!**
- December 30** ~ Worship at 9:30  
Sunday School at 10:45

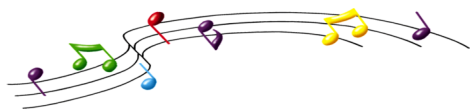
## JOYA's 25th Anniversary Concert

**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!



### 2019 Offering Envelopes

You may pick up your offering envelopes for next year. They will be available in the Narthex before and after church or in the church office during the week.

If you did not turn in a commitment card but would like envelopes, call to the church office to let us know how many you would like to have.

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

### EvenSong

**Wednesday, December 26~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel**

Christmas at the World Friendship Center  
In Hiroshima, Japan

Led by Bev & Joel Eikenberry,  
Charles Albert and Liz Hoffman Bauer  
Please join us!

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:

♦ **Christmas Day, December 25 ~**

*Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Clause*  
Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189



### Christmas Program with Royce Eckhardt

**Saturday, December 29 ~ 2:00 pm ~ TC Chapel**

Royce & Marjorie Eckhardt, friends of Arlene Deardorff, will celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas with an Organ Concert. The Eckhardts are nationally renowned for their professionalism and interpretive sense.

Join us in our celebration of Christmas

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

### Brethren Leadership Institute

The winter class, **Introduction to Pastoral Care**, will be taught by Tara Hornbacker at Marion CoB.

The class dates are as follows:

**Saturday, January 12 ~ 9 am - 4 pm**

**Saturday, January 26 ~ 9 am - 4 pm**

**Saturday, February 9 ~ 9 am - 4 pm**

Please contact the District Office to pre-register; a late registration fee of \$25 will be added for registrations received after **December 29**.

The spring class will be **Introduction to Theology**, and will be taught by Eugene Roop, location TBA.

Those tentative class dates are **March 9, March 23, and April 6**.

Other upcoming BLI dates:

**Practice of Ministry Day ~ Saturday, May 4**

**BLI Orientation ~ Saturday, May 11 from 9-11am**

Register by sending an email to  
[BrethrenLeadershipInstitute@gmail.com](mailto:BrethrenLeadershipInstitute@gmail.com) or  
call 260-982-8805. Classes are open to all.

## ***Camp Mack Corner***



Camp Reps, mark your calendars! Plan to attend the **Camp Rep Meeting** on **Saturday, January 12**, from **9:00 to 11:30 a.m** at **either** Camp Mack or the Union Grove Church of the Brethren in Muncie. Enjoy a breakfast and receive 2019 program information and materials.

Send your RSVP to [Jessk@campmack.org](mailto:Jessk@campmack.org).

*Please send a substitute if you are unable to attend.*

### **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT CAMP:**

- ♦ Feb. 14-17 ~ February Quilt Retreat
- ♦ Feb. 21-24 ~ Scrapbooking Retreat
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- ♦ March 2 ~ Team Leader Training
- ♦ March 8 ~ Annual Dinner
- ♦ March 8-9 ~ FLYE Weekend
- ♦ March 11-13 ~ Volunteer Work Days
- ♦ March 23-24 ~ Mother Daughter Retreat

### **Camp Mack continued...**

Applications are being accepted for 2018 Summer Staff, 18 years of age or older, with a heart for the ministry at Camp Mack. Applications are available at the Camp Mack website or persons may call or email camp for an application.

Please consider being a Team Leader or counselor this summer to enrich the young lives at Camp Mack.

Contact Jessica Kreider to check needs and dates at 574-658-4831 or [jessk@campmack.org](mailto:jessk@campmack.org)

### **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](http://www.campmack.org) for information and to register or call 574-658-4831.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Please pray for committed summer staff and camp counselors.

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