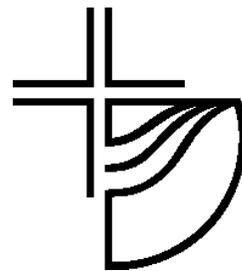


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of December 30, 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 are seeking to deepen our 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 who aren't able to join us in worship due to their on-going physical limitations or their current health challenges including: **Lois Roop, Dwight & Helen Farringer, and Dorothea Williams.** We also remember in prayer our Nigerian sister, **Esther Usman.**
- ◆ We pray for **Becky Waas** who has returned to Timbercrest Health Care following surgery to repair a broken hip.
- ◆ We pray for **Barry Bucher** who is scheduled for a medical procedure at Mayo Clinic on January 2.
- ◆ We pray for **David Young** who has more medical tests coming up shortly. David is continuing to seek information and answers in regard to health issues.
- ◆ We pray for the Medical Practicum team who are leaving Friday, January 4th, traveling to Guatemala for a 3-week term working in several indigenous Maya communities. The people from our congregation participating in the Practicum this January include: **Lori Zimmerman, Karly Eichenauer, Paul Fry-Miller, Maria Osborne, Anna Osborne and Jeff Osborne,** who will be leading the group. We also pray for the people of Guatemala who will be assisting the team and receiving care.

May all these people know the support of our prayers and the abundance of God's love.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Emmanuel Baptist.** We offer prayers for members of Emmanuel who have family members in the

Caravan at or near the border of the United States, who are fleeing El Salvador for safety and shelter. We commit to be in solidarity with them.

- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **White Branch Church of the Brethren,** located north of Hagerstown. We pray for their witness of Christ's love in their community. We also pray for the **Southeastern District** and their District Executive, Scott Kinnick.
- ◆ We offer prayers of support for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN.** May they have strength and courage to face the New Year continuing to re-build their churches and their communities.
- ◆ We pray for all the people in Indonesia who are coping with the devastation of the recent tsunami - for those who suffered the loss of friends or family, for those whose homes and businesses were destroyed and for the people who are assisting with the cleanup.
- ◆ We pray for peace.

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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.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 31

The church office is closed.

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

The church office is closed.

1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, January 2

- Preschool Winter Break
- 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 Girl's BB
Until 7:30 - Egolf / Sautter

Thursday, January 3

- Preschool Winter Break
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 5:30 p.m. FLC in use for 5th/6th grade BB - Garber
- 6:30 p.m. Taizé Choir - Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, January 4

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

Saturday, January 5

- 9:00 a.m. Conference Room / Kitchen in use
Until 1:00 - MSO
- 3:00 p.m. Sr High Youth Retreat until 2:00 Sunday -
Koinonia

Sunday, January 6

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: Guest Preacher, Laura Stone
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12
Ecclesia Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 12:00 p.m. Building in use - Skiles
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

All Things Considered Class

January 6 ~ Anna Lisa's Bible Study Guide
with Bob Gross

Koinonia Class

January 6 ~ *Justice in the New Testament*
with Marie Willoughby

Questers Class

January 6 ~ Faith Journey: Wilbur McFadden
January 13 ~ ECR update with Theresa Onderko

Combined Sunday School Class

January 20 ~ *Death Row Support Project*
with Rachel Gross



Welcome Basket for our New Pastor!

This is the last Sunday we will be collecting welcome gifts for Seth, Laina, and their children. Suggestions are:

- ◆ 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 in the Narthex before and after church.
- 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

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, January 10 ~ 12-6pm ~ FLC



Women's Fellowship Sewing Day...

Thursday, January 10 ~ 9:30-3:00

We make 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

2019 Offering Envelopes

You may pick your offering envelopes up in the church office during the week.

Senior High:

January 5-6 ~ Winter Retreat at Koinonia

January 13 ~ Seth's installation as Pastor during worship



Junior High:

January 11 or 12 (yet to be determined) ~ Meet at Miriam's house for games, ice cream sundae bar and a time to meet Seth.

January 13 ~ Seth's installation as Pastor during worship.

Executive Board Updates

The Executive Board met on December 19 to hear reports, discuss concerns, and process board business. The treasurer's report shows that the church is on track to finish the year in a strong position, due in part to savings in salary and wages after the resignation of Jim Chinworth in April 2018. The savings have been offset, however, by greater time demands on two pastors. The church is delighted to prepare for the arrival of Seth Hendricks, bringing the pastoral staff back to three. Installation of the new pastor is scheduled for **January 13**, and a transition committee is helping the Hendricks family settle in to their new home, church, and community.

In business, the board took action to approve pastoral staff requests to designate a portion of salary as a tax free housing allowance. The IRS annually requires a recorded minute approving the tax exemption. A request from Witness Commission was approved to suspend the work of the Parish to Parish Committee (while continuing to honor) the (covenanted sister church) relationship between the Manchester Church of the Brethren and Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel. In the meantime, Witness suggested greater focus on the immediate refugee crisis on the southern US border and proposed using the Christmas Eve offering to directly aid refugees seeking asylum in the United States.

Stewards proposed moving a portion of our investments from cash and marketable securities to BBT's socially responsible funds. The recommendation was approved. In another item, Stewards asked for the board's permission to create a funding plan that would precede any decision to purchase and install a solar energy system. The motion passed.

Finally, the board approved a Spring Council meeting date of **March 17, 2019, at 1:30**, after a fellowship meal.

Kurt Borgmann closed the meeting with prayer.

JOYA's 25th Anniversary Concert

Our church will host a reunion concert for a group that first performed together 25 years ago. JOYA (Journey of Young Adults) was formed in 1994 to share inspiration through music, drama, and peace education with Church of the Brethren congregations around the country. The quartet was composed of active Brethren Volunteer Service workers: Barb Saylor (soprano), LuAnne Harley (alto), Shawn Kirchner (tenor), and Brian Kruschwitz (bass).

JOYA re-gathered in 2004 with concerts in five areas of the country to help On Earth Peace celebrate 30 years of peacemaking. The upcoming concert represents a 25-year reunion for JOYA. Perhaps best known for their 4-part a cappella singing, they will perform many songs (folk, spirituals, songs of justice) from their original tour, as well as newer material.

After JOYA, LuAnne Harley and Brian Kruschwitz made their way out east, and later settled for a few years in Xalapa, Mexico before landing in Indiana. Over the past dozen years, music has taken them to hundreds of schools and libraries throughout the country and beyond as "Yurtfolk" exploring cultures through a variety of instruments, music, and storytelling. Currently, Brian is an artist-in-residence for the Honeywell Foundation, where he visits surrounding schools and teaches/to teach core curriculum through music and storytelling. LuAnne is a language interpreter at a non-profit healthcare clinic and continues to team up with Brian in music and creative ventures. They share their home with their two kids in North Manchester.

Shawn Kirchner works as a choral composer, professional choral singer, music publisher, and church musician at the La Verne Church of the Brethren. His choral works – some of which were first conceived on JOYA's 1994 tour – are sung all over the world, and he is active in the classical musical circles of Los Angeles, performing regularly with the LA Philharmonic, and singing on many feature film soundtracks. He was named Composer in Residence of the LA Master Chorale in 2012, and is currently a member of the Master Chorale's touring company, presenting the Renaissance masterpiece "Tears of St. Peter" at major music festivals and venues throughout the world.

After seminary, Barb Saylor worked with On Earth Peace for many years before heading out west with her family. Currently, she is pastoring at the Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren and lives on a small farm in southern Ohio with her husband, daughter, and various animals. In 2018 she directed the children's choir at Annual Conference.

The JOYA concert will **be here on Friday, January 25 at 7pm** A free-will donation at the door.

This concert is part of the MCoB Concert Series.

Within our Community...

EvenSong

Wednesday, January 2 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel

This is the Time for New Beginnings

led by Lois Davis

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:

◆ **Friday, January 11 ~ *The Lady in the Van***

Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189



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

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.**

Register by sending an email to 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 breakfast and receive 2019 program information and materials.

Send your RSVP to 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

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

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.