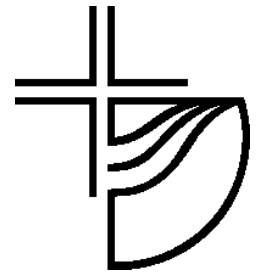


# Manchester Church of the Brethren

## NEWSLETTER

Week of December 9, 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.

#### *In the wider community:*

- ◆ We pray for those people who aren't able to join us in worship due to their on-going physical limitations or their current health challenges including: **Raymond Johnson, Doris Miller, Becky Waas** and **Louise Williams** who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this past Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ We pray for **Ernie Barr** who has returned home to Timbercrest following a recent hospitalization.
- ◆ We pray for **Becky Unger** who had successful thyroid surgery this past Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ We pray for **Jean Wolf** hospitalized at Parkview Regional Medical Center. Jean hopes to return home to Timbercrest soon.
- ◆ We pray for **Jim Myer** having out-patient shoulder surgery today, December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ And we pray for **Peggy Gilbert** who will be having surgery on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to repair and reconstruct her skull. Following a time of recovery in the hospital, Peggy will be transferred to Parkview Randallia for intensive physical, occupational and speech therapy.

May each of these people experience the support of our prayers and the abundance of God's love.

#### *In the wider community:*

- ◆ We pray for our sister church, **Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for Emmanuel's School for Peace, the Bible School theme this year. Twelve mission communities are active with eight lead teachers and 55 to 60

children being taught in each community. The focus is on the "things that make for peace and kindness."

- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**. We pray for Roy Winter, the associate executive director of Global Mission and Service, the leaders from the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria and the leaders from Mission 21, as they gather to review what has been accomplished in the past year of continued efforts to respond to the violence in northeastern Nigeria and also to work on a three-year plan for the future.
- ◆ We pray for On Earth Peace, one of the ministries of our denomination – for their work among us and their continued call for peace and justice around the world.
- ◆ We also add our prayers for peace for those in the world and in our community.

#### 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.

Phone: 260-982-7523

#### Weekly Calendar

##### Monday, December 10

12:00 p.m. Conference Room in use

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Commission -  
Karen's home

##### Tuesday, December 11

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

4:00 p.m. Nurture Commission - Karen's home

**Tuesday, December 11 continued**

- 5:30 p.m. FLC in use for 5th/6th Grade BB - Garber
- 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Education Commission - Karen's home
- 7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

**Wednesday, December 12**

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. Holden Advent Service - Timbercrest
- 4:00 p.m. FLC in use until 6:00
- 6:00 p.m. FLC in use for 4th Grade BB - Egolf
- 7:00 p.m. Conference Room in use - Hartsough

**Thursday, December 13**

- 9:00 a.m. CBWF - Narthex
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 10:00 a.m. Library in use by Preschool until 11:00
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. FLC/Narthex/Kitchen in use - Gross
- 6:30 p.m. Taizé Choir - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Stewards Commission - Staff Room
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

**Friday, December 14**

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Soccer - FLC

**Saturday, December 15**

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast for Children before practice
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Eve practice - Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 16 Advent Offering**

- 9:15 a.m. Advent Pre-Service Music
- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Good news?*  
Pastor Kurt  
Scripture: Luke 3:7-18  
Taizé & Youth Choir  
New Member Recognition
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education  
Children's Christmas Program Practice
- 1:00 p.m. FLC/Kitchen/Narthex in use - Unger
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Narthex in use

**All Church Carol Sing**

**December 30 ~ During Sunday School ~ Sanctuary**

Please Join Us!



**This Thursday is CBWF! ~ 9:00-3:00**

We meet the second Thursday of the month through May.  
The Women's Fellowship makes 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.

**Adult Class Updates:**

**Jubilee Class**

**December 16 ~ Advent Series with Elizabeth Struble**

**Koinonia Class**

**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**

**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**

**More Angel Tree Tags!**

Because of the need in our community, more Angel Tree tags have been delivered to us in hopes that we can fill the need.

The tags are on the table in the Narthex if you are able to help.

The Youth will take the gifts to St. Robert's **December 13** if you are able to have your gifts to the church before then.

If you are not, **please call the church office** and we will make other arrangements for you.

Delivery to families is **Saturday, December 22.**





**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

**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.

This **Sunday, December 16** we will collect our Advent Offering. Envelopes will be in the bulletins for your convenience or you may drop your offering off at the church office. Designate it to Advent on the memo line of your check. Checks should be made out to MCoB.

**Food Pantry Sunday ...December 23**

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.



**Feeding the Community**

The youth will deliver the items to the Food Pantry!

**Sr High**



**December 16 :**

- 9:15** ~ Advent pre-service music
- 9:30** ~ Youth sing in Worship
- 10:45** ~ Sunday School

**December 23:**

- 9:15** ~ Advent pre-service music
- 9:30** ~ Worship - Food Pantry Collection  
(help take items to the front of the church)
- 10:45** ~ Sunday School
- 12:00** ~ Quick trip to the Food Pantry to deliver items

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/yya/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.

**January 5-6 ~ Winter Retreat at Koinonia**

**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.

**Peace Patch Preschool News**

Please join us for our first semester / December program on **December 18th at 6:15** in the sanctuary.

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!



### Prairie Grass Update

In 2012 my AP Environmental Science students met with the church to discuss converting the northern turf grass lot to a prairie. My students researched prairie restoration, and wrote a land management plan. The town approved the plan, and after preparing the land, we planted three native grasses and seven native flowers in 2013.

Last spring, we performed our first controlled burn of the southern half of the prairie. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the church, the town, and the fire department on this grand science experiment.

Since the fall of 2013, we have been monitoring the species present in the prairie. Students use a tool called a quadrat to measure the presence of certain species in a square meter. The data we've been collecting has helped the students see trends in species diversity from year to year. A professional in plant biology told me she first worked with quadrats in graduate school. My students are working with tools professionals use in the field. The controlled burn was one of my favorite teaching experiences. Students observed first hand the restorative power of fire. Within days, the blackened field became vibrantly green. In the months that followed, we began to see plants in the prairie that we had not observed before. There was more diversity, and the plants we observed before were more abundant.

This semester we worked with the Manchester Junior Senior High Internship Program to help remove invasive plants. Morgyn Jimenez has spent countless hours removing Pokeweed and Mulberry trees. She also collected seed from the native plants. Those seeds are currently growing nicely in our high school greenhouse. In the spring, the current AP Environmental Science students will transplant those grasses and flowers in the prairie.

We look forward to observing changes in the prairie this spring.  
Jabin Burnworth

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### 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!

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

#### 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.

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#### Shepherd's Center Fall Programs

**December 12 ~ Town Life Center ~ 9:00**

- ◆ CURRENT EVENTS/Newstalk ~ David Waas, MU History Professor, Retired

- ◆ *Ail* ~ Mystery Guest!

**Check out our newsletter at:** <http://nmshepherd.com>

Consider joining MSC. Dues are \$8 yearly.

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#### EvenSong

**Wednesday, December 12 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel**

Holden Village Service with Sabine Thomas

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

Everyone is Welcome!

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#### 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

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

#### Brethren Disaster Ministries



**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](mailto:kindy@cpt.org).

## Camp Mack Corner



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!

