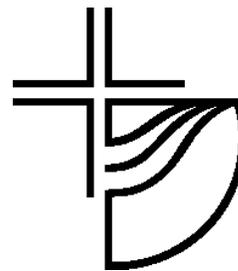


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of January 13, 2019
Peacefully, Simply, Together



Prayer Concerns

I invite you to hold gently and compassionately the persons and situations I am about to mention. These joys and concerns are offered for prayer this morning, but I also ask you to continue to hold all these things in your heart this coming week.

Within our faith community:

- ◆ We continue to offer prayers for **Seth Hendricks** and his family as they settle into our 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 including: **Miriam Rusher, Francis Barr, John Hamer** and **Grace Voorheis**.
- ◆ We pray for the family and friends of **Joan Deeter**. Joan died Tuesday evening, January 8. The Memorial Service will be in our sanctuary on Saturday, February 23 at 2:00 with a time of visitation following the service.
- ◆ We also pray for the family and friends of **Alice Frantz**. Alice died Wednesday evening, January 9. The Memorial Service for Alice was Saturday, January 12.
- ◆ We offer prayers for healing for **Lana Groombridge** as she recovers from gall bladder surgery this past week. Lana hopes to be released from the hospital early this week to continue her recovery and rehabilitation in Peabody Transitional Care.
- ◆ We continue prayers for the persons who are in Guatemala with the Medical Practicum from Manchester University and for **Lori Zimmerman** who left yesterday to join the group for the next week and half.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for the Youth houses in Cal Pipil, Montepecke, Soyopango and Algeria, as they serve children and youth after school and on Saturdays. The Youth houses offer safe places and also social and educational opportunities.
- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, as they host the annual assembly of the

Fellowship of Christian Churches in Nigeria which includes 13 primarily Hausa-speaking denominations, making it the largest Christian ecumenical body in Nigeria. The theme of the 64th assembly is "Church: God's Light in Darkness." We offer prayers for safe travels and meaningful exchanges.

- ◆ We join other churches in our District to pray for the **Anderson Church of the Brethren**. We pray also for the **Atlantic Southeast District** and their District Executive, Terry Grove.
- ◆ We pray for peace in our hearts and around the world.

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Pastors' Schedules

Kurt ~ Tuesday through Friday
Karen ~ Monday through Thursday
Seth ~ Tuesday through Friday

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, January 14

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Commission - Staff Room

Tuesday, January 15

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. FLC in use for 5th/6th grade Girls' BB until 7:00 - Garber/Lambert
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, January 16

9:30 a.m. Preschool
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

Wednesday, January 16 continued

- 4:00 p.m. FLC in use until 6:00
- 6:00 p.m. FLC in use for 4th grade Girls' BB until 7:30 - Egolf / Sautter
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Board - Conference Room

Thursday, January 17

- 9:00 a.m. Conference Room in use all day
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 5:30 p.m. FLC in use for 5th/6th Grade BB - Garber
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, January 18

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Soccer - FLC

Saturday, January 19

- 11:00 a.m. 4th/5th Grade Get together until 2:00pm - Hartsoughs' Home

Sunday, January 20 Communion Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Varieties of gifts*; Kurt Borgmann
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Ecclesia Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
Melodia Choir Practice
- 12:00 p.m. Mentor / Youth Event - FLC/Narthex
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Narthex in use

Please note that the church office will be closed Monday, January 21 in honor of Martin Luther King

Coming up...

January 20 ~ Communion during worship
January 20 ~ Plan to attend the adult combined Sunday School time in the sanctuary. Rachel Gross will be sharing with us on the topic "**What I've Learned in 40 years with the Death Row Support Project**". Come learn more about this important project.

All Things Considered Class

January 27 ~ *Our Church's Solar Project*
with John Hartsough

Koinonia Class

January 27 ~ *Justice in the New Testament*
with Marie Willoughby

Questers Class

January 27 ~ *Genetics and Ethics* with Joel Eikenberry

More Combined Sunday School Classes

February 3 ~ Dying Well Series, sponsored by the Nurture Commission, continues with *The Circle of Support* led by Becky Kreps.

February 24 ~ Ruth Angle with MIM and the Witness Commission share about a Wabash County Initiative to help the homeless.

March 31 ~ Hymn Sing

May 5 ~ Dying Well series with *Grief* led by Pastor Kurt Borgmann

Mark your Calendars

Sunday, March 10 ~ As part of the Dying Well Series, the Nurture Commission is hosting a pot luck dinner at noon in the FLC followed by a panel discussion in the Sanctuary on the topic *Perceptions of Afterlife*. Al Hohl will be moderator for this event with panelists Larry Fourman, Justin Lasser, and Matt Hendricks.

Sunday, March 17 ~ Fellowship Meal at noon followed by our Spring Council Meeting in the Sanctuary at 1:30

Sunday, March 31 ~ Manchester Inmate Ministry, in conjunction with Growing Grounds, will be hosting a benefit lunch at the Main View to help raise money for transportation funding and the needs to support this ministry in our community.

Peace Patch Preschool Needs



Many have asked what they can donate to help our Preschool. At this time we are in need of:

- ◆ Sanitizing wipes... such as Chlorax (not baby wipes) tis the season for spreading germs!
- ◆ Paper plates. We can use any size. We use them for snacks, science and art projects.
- ◆ Glue sticks

Of course, monetary donations are always appreciated to help with the operation costs.

There will be a table in the Narthex **Sunday, January 20 and 27** or you can drop items off at the church office during the week.

Thank you for your continued support!

Senior High:

January 20 ~ Worship followed by Sunday School. Kurt will be leading the group this week.

February 10 ~ Youth will be singing in worship.



JOYA's 25th Anniversary Concert is coming SOON!

Friday, January 25 ~ 7:00 pm ~ MCoB Sanctuary
free-will donation at the door

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 Sayler, LuAnne Harley, Shawn Kirchner, and Brian Kruschwitz.

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 Sayler 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.

This concert is part of the MCoB Concert Series.

Within our Community...

N Manchester Historical Society presents The Story of the Great Black Swamp

(video documentary)

Monday, January 14 ~ 6:30 pm ~ TC Assembly Room

EvenSong

Wednesday, January 16 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel

Martin Luther King Jr. in 2019

led by Lois Snyder

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, February 1** ~ *First Man*
- ◆ **Friday, February 15** ~ *Thurgood Marshall*



Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

Benefit Lunch & Bake Sale for Gage Reed

Sunday, January 27 ~ 11am-1pm ~ Main View

Support the family of Gage Reed, a local teen battling a rare form of lymphoma. A benefit lunch and bake sale will be held at the Main View, 141 Main Street, N Manchester.

Choose from:

Beef & Noodles with Corn

or

Chicken Fiesta Salad

Drink is included

Price is \$8 ~ \$5 for half portion

Pie will be available for \$2 /slice

A bake sale will also be held in the foyer.

Within our District...

Brethren Leadership Institute Class in Session

The winter class, **Introduction to Pastoral Care**, is taught by Tara Hombacker at Marion CoB. The dates are:
(Saturday, January 12 class was postponed due to weather)

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.



**BRETHREN
Disaster Ministries**

Friends,
God's blessings to you in this New Year! Our South/Central District of the Church of the Brethren has four weeks

assigned to us by BDM in this new year. I am especially focused on **February 3-9** and **March 10-16** when we need 7 and 15 volunteers respectively. The work will be based in Lumberton, NC with workers going to both North and South Carolina for new builds and repairs.

Your help will be what gets the work done. Hurricanes Matthew and Florence have wreaked havoc in this region and families need our assistance and encouragement. Will you be one of the members of the team? Are there others from your congregation, workplace or family who would be great to have along? Call me at 410-596-8569 in January or 260-982-2971 after January.

BDM is also working in Puerto Rico this year. Small groups of seven are going to two or more weeks at a time. If you can hold up in hot rugged conditions and are free to go let me know when it works for you and I will try to make those arrangements quickly.

We are also looking for rebuild volunteers **September 8-14** and **December 1-7**. If you are willing to recruit a team to go, let me know who you have!

Children's Disaster Services (CDS) has been very busy these past years providing care and trauma healing for children impacted by fires, hurricanes, floods, shootings and other unnatural but common events. CDS is needing new trained volunteers. February 22-23 in Washington, PA, April 10-11 in Chicago, and **April 12-13 in North Manchester** are some of the next nearby trainings. Call 1-800-451-4407, extension 734 for details.

Thank you for your prayers and support, both physical and financial, to BDM and its important ministries!

Cliff Kindy, District Disaster Coordinator

Camp Mack Corner



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT CAMP:

- ◆ Feb. 14-17 ~ February Quilt Retreat
- ◆ Feb. 21-24 ~ Scrapbooking Retreat
- ◆ Feb. 21-24 ~ Scrapbooking Retreat
- ◆ 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.