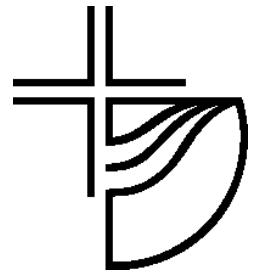


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of January 20, 2019
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 live together in community and deepen our relationship with God. As we continue to 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 the **Manchester High School students** who are now in Germany for three weeks with the Student Exchange program. Those students from our congregation involved in the program are: **Justin Self**, **Sam Reichenbach** and **Kayla Hippensteel**.
- ◆ We pray for **David Doudt** who will be traveling to Nigeria this week. David will be spending the month of February volunteering at the Montessori School in the inter-faith village of Gurku. Carol Smith, **Amy Brumbaugh-Smith's** sister, was involved in the initial beginnings of the school as a teacher.
- ◆ 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: **Lois Roop**, **Peggy Gilbert** and **Evelyn Niswander**.
- ◆ We pray for **John Kreps** recovering in Peabody Transitional Care.
- ◆ We pray for **Lana Groombridge** who is now at Peabody Transitional Care receiving IV antibiotics and regaining her strength.
- ◆ We pray for **Velma Shearer** hospitalized at Parkview Regional Medical Center following surgery to repair a broken hip.
- ◆ We pray for **Art Gilbert** hospitalized at Wabash Parkview.
- ◆ And we pray for **Esther Hamer** on the death of her husband, **John Hamer**, on Tuesday evening, January 15. The Memorial Service for John will be held at Timbercrest Chapel on Saturday, February 9.

May each of these people know the abiding love of God in their lives.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for the staff of Emmanuel that serves in San Salvador and more than 40 other communities in the country providing family support, educational support and some vocational services as well as Biblical studies on weekend.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Andrews Church of the Brethren**. We pray for their congregation as they seek to follow the leading of God's spirit. We also pray for the **Idaho District** and their District Executive, Bruce Holderread.
- ◆ We offer prayers for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, for their leaders and the many congregations. We also pray for **Nate Hosler**, Office of Peacebuilding and Policy Director, as he travels in Nigeria. Nate's activities have included participation in the first International Religious Freedom Roundtable in the capital city of Abuja, visits to settlements of internally displaced people and fellowship with different EYN congregations. Nate has also been gathering perspectives on Nigeria's ongoing violence as well as the country's upcoming elections.
- ◆ We pray for peace around the world and in our hearts.

Pastor on Call: Kurt Borgmann

Home: 901-6110 Cell: 901-1851

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 21 *The church office is closed
in honor of Martin Luther King Day*

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Tuesday, January 22

9:30 a.m. Preschool
10:00 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. Room 213 in use
5:30 p.m. FLC in use for 5th/6th grade Girls' BB
until 7:00 - Garber/Lambert
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, January 23

9:30 a.m. Preschool
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 Girls' BB
until 7:30 - Egolf / Sautter
7:00 p.m. Witness Commission - Room 213

Thursday, January 24

9:30 a.m. Preschool
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
4:00 p.m. ATC Room in use until 6:30 pm
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 25

9:30 a.m. Preschool
1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
4:00 p.m. Building in use - Music Committee
7:00 p.m. JOYA Concert - Sanctuary

Saturday, January 26

Sunday, January 27

9:30 a.m. Worship: *Members of the body;*
Kurt Borgmann
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Melodia & Bell Choir
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:45 a.m. Christian Education
Peace Patch Gathering
Sr High Youth & Parents Meeting -
Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Building in use - Cook Family
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

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

Future Sunday School Class Opportunities

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



At this time we are in need of:

- ◆ Sanitizing wipes...such as Clorox. Tis the season for spreading germs!
- ◆ Paper plates. We can use any size.
- ◆ Glue sticks

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

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

Thank you for your continued support!

JOYA's 25th Anniversary Concert !

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

Our church will host a reunion concert this week 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, LuAnne Harley, Shawn Kirchner, and Brian Kruschwitz.

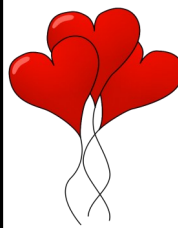
JOYA re-gathered in 2004 with concerts in five areas of the country to help On Earth Peace celebrate 30 years of peacemaking. The upcoming concert represents a 25-year reunion for JOYA. Perhaps best known for their 4-part a cappella singing, they will perform many songs (folk, spirituals, songs of justice) 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 Saylor worked with On Earth Peace for many years before heading out west with her family. Currently, she is pastoring at the Beavercreek 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.



Valentine's Day Special Parents' Night Out!!

Saturday, February 16 ~ 5-9pm ~ MCoB

The Junior High Youth would like to offer you a special gift this Valentines Day... **Free childcare** so that you and your Valentine can spend an evening out!

The youth, along with several adults, will be available to watch your child(ren) at the church from 5:00 - 9:00 pm on Saturday, February 16.

We will provide a supper of macaroni and cheese, hotdogs, carrot sticks, apples, and a special dessert treat. We will have games and activities available for the kids during the evening and will show a movie at 8pm.

It would be helpful for us to know how many children to expect and their ages, **so please contact the church office to reserve your spot.**

If you have questions, please contact Loyce Borgmann at 224-688-0002.

Senior High:

January 17 ~ Youth & Parent Meeting during Sunday School - Sanctuary

February 3 ~ Tentative date for Ski Trip

February 10 ~ Youth will be singing in worship. Meal will be at Hippensteels' Home...



Junior High:

February 10 ~ Tentative date for Youth & Parent Meeting during Sunday School

February 16 ~ Parents' Night Out...Jr High assisting with child care ~ 5-9:00 pm.

Within our Community...

EvenSong

Wednesday, January 23 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel

Card File Inspiration

led by Ruthann Angle

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*

◆ **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 or Chicken Fiesta Salad.

Drink is included. Pie will be available.

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

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 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,

Our South/Central District has four weeks assigned to us by BDM in this new year. I am

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 & South Carolina. 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.

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 N. 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

Dear friends of Indiana Center for Middle East Peace,

I'm delighted to announce that Dr. Jeff Halper, founder of Israel Committee Against House Demolitions, will be our guest on **Thursday, January 31, 6:30pm, at Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 West Berry St, Ft. Wayne.** Jeff is a prominent part of the Jewish left in Israel (originally from Minnesota). In addition, he was nominated by the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) in 2006 for the Nobel Peace Prize for his work "to liberate both the Palestinian and the Israeli people from the yoke of structural violence" and "to build equality between their people by recognizing and celebrating their common humanity." He has been one of my mentors on the issue of Palestine and Israel from the beginning of my activism, and I am on his US board.

Join us on Thursday, January 31, and bring a friend.

Free and open to the public.

Michael Spath

Camp Mack Corner



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT CAMP:

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