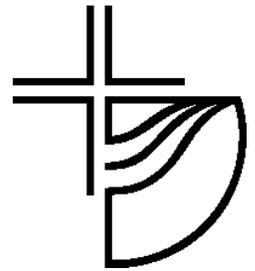


# Manchester Church of the Brethren

## NEWSLETTER

Week of January 6, 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 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 the **Senior High Youth** of our congregation who were on a Youth Retreat at Koinonia this last weekend with **Seth Hendricks**, our new Associate Pastor of Youth Ministry & Congregational Life.
- ◆ 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: **Raymond Johnson, Doris Miller** and **Louise Williams**.
- ◆ We pray for **Lana Groombridge** hospitalized at Lutheran. Lana had a procedure this past Friday afternoon and will have an additional procedure which is scheduled for Monday afternoon, January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ We pray for **Alice Frantz** whose physical condition has declined significantly over the past few days.
- ◆ We pray for the family of **Becky Waas**. Becky died Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. The Memorial Service will be at a later date.

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

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Emmanuel Baptist**. We offer prayers for Emmanuel's Deacon Board and chair Esther Avalos as together they plan special ministries for community care in San Jacinto and for peace & justice ministries in Emmanuel's mission communities.
- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, as they witness to the abundance of Christ's love through their churches.
- ◆ We pray for the **Akron Church of the Brethren**, for their congregation as they plan programming for the new year. We also pray for the **Atlantic Northeast District** and their District Executive, Pete Kontra.

- ◆ And in this New Year, we renew our prayer 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.

### **Weekly Calendar**

#### **Monday, January 7**

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC  
6:30 p.m. Worship Center Décor - Room 213

#### **Tuesday, January 8**

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  
3:00 p.m. Nurture Commission - Conference Rm  
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  
7:00 p.m. Property Commission - Staff Room  
7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

#### **Wednesday, January 9**

9:30 a.m. Preschool  
12:00 p.m. Pastors' Lunch - Timbercrest  
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC  
1:00 p.m. Conference Room in use - Shively  
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. PMPC Meeting - Room 213

**Thursday, January 10 Red Cross Blood Drive**

- 9:00 a.m. Conference Room in use all day
- 9:30 a.m. CBWF - Narthex
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 6:30 p.m. Education Commission - Library
- 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, January 11**

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

**Saturday, January 12**

- 2:00 a.m. Building in use until 10:00 - Metzger

**Sunday, January 13 Installation of Seth Hendricks**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *About baptism*; Kurt Borgmann  
Scripture:  
Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17,21-22  
Taizé Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education  
Melodia Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Narthex in use

**Coming up...**

- January 20** ~ Communion during worship
- January 20** ~ Combined Adult Sunday School Class ~  
*Death Row Support Project* with Rachel Gross

**Koinonia Class**

- January 13** ~ *Justice in the New Testament*  
with Marie Willoughby

**Questers Class**

- January 13** ~ ECR update with Theresa Onderko

**More Combined Sunday School Classes**

- February 3** ~ Grief Series continues
- 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** ~ Grief series continues

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Thursday, January 10 ~ 12-6pm ~ FLC**

**We thank you...**

Dear Church Family,

We would like to offer our thankfulness to everyone for the warm arms that have wrapped us in love, listening, and support over the past several weeks. We appreciate your many cards, stories, and hot meals. We greatly appreciate our building's inviting space in which we held Gary Zimmerman's visitation and funeral service.

Additionally, the funeral meal was deliciously prepared and the care spent in setup and cleanup were all part of Christ's love we felt that day and beyond.

Kurt and Karen were fantastic support during the challenging hospital stay as well as the days after in planning, grieving, and stepping forward into our "new normal." As we embark into this new year, we look forward to finding ways to hold each of you in prayer as you have done for us, Times like these remind us how special it is to have a church family to lean on.

Thank you,  
Lori Zimmerman, Joel, Connor, Karly, & Kelsey Eichenauer  
& Joan Zimmerman Raiston

**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



**Soccer Players...please note!**

The following are the Friday nights we will be playing for the rest of this Soccer Season:

**January 11 & 18**  
**February 1, 8 & 15**  
**March 1 & 8**



7:00 in the FLC  
Contact Jeff Hunn at  
[jeff.hunn@hotmail.com](mailto:jeff.hunn@hotmail.com)  
for more information

**Please join us for Seth's Installation & Fellowship Meal!**

**This Sunday, January 13** ~ Installation during Worship Fellowship Meal following the Education hour hosted by the Fellowship Commission



Baked Spaghetti & drinks provided



Please bring a salad or dessert to share!!

**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.

**Senior High:**

**January 13** ~ Seth's installation during worship

**Junior High:**

**January 11 ~ 6:00-8:00** ~ Meet at Miriam's house ( 2102 East St) for games, ice cream sundae bar and a time to meet Seth.

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



**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 Veme 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.

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 9 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel**

*Southern Gospel Music*

led by Sam Barrett, daughter Elizabeth  
& Nathan Jackson

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



#### **Carry-in Potluck & Meeting on Immigration Law**

**January 12 ~ 6:30 pm ~ Town Life Center Gymnasium**

On Saturday evening, January 12, there will be a forum organized by Father Andrew Curry of St. Roberts Catholic Church here in North Manchester. Father Andrew has created the First Annual Oscar Romero Forum. The purpose of this year's forum will be for Jason Flora, Indianapolis immigration lawyer, to discuss current immigration law. It is an open meeting to which all members of the community and surrounding region are invited. The meeting will be conducted in Spanish and English.

We look forward to the participation of many people in this forum to learn of current immigration law, and to share a meal together that will surely provide diverse choices of food.

Contact John Hartsough for more information.

### **N Manchester Historical Society presents**

#### **The Story of the Great Black Swamp**

(video documentary)

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

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

#### **Brethren Leadership Institute Class begins This Week**

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.



**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***

Camp Reps: Plan to attend the **Camp Rep Meeting** this **Saturday**, 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](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
- ◆ 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](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.