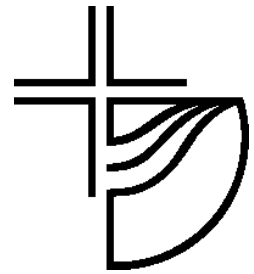


# Manchester Church of the Brethren

## MEMO

Week of June 12, 2017  
Peacefully, Simply, Together



### Prayer Concerns

We hold in our hearts and in our minds all the thoughts, joys and concerns from this past week. Sharing our joys and our sorrows with one another is one of the ways we continue to create deeper relationships within this community of faith. In a spirit of compassion and mindful prayer, please keep these spoken concerns with you in the coming days

#### *Within our faith community:*

- ◆ We pray for our **Junior High Youth** and their **advisors** who attended National Junior High Conference and are now in Germantown, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. for the Brethren Heritage piece of their tour. May they learn about the world, find value in meeting new people and travel home safely.
- ◆ We pray for **all those involved in Vacation Bible School – Marketplace 29 A.D.** this week: for the children who will participate in this unique Bible School experience and for the adults who will be Marketplace volunteers as they provide the music, prepare the food, share the Bible stories, give of their time to be tribal parents and share their interests and gifts as vendors in the Marketplace. May all those involved discover a new understanding of faith, service and discipleship.
- ◆ We pray for those people who aren't able to join us in worship due to their on-going health or physical limitations even as remember their faith and their faithfulness. They include: **Alice Frantz, Doris Snell** and **Evelyn Niswander**. May they each be embraced by God's loving presence.
- ◆ We pray for **Nancy Yeatter Sare's sister, Susan Yeatter Brown** who is now receiving hospice care. May Nancy, Susan and their families be supported by our prayers and surrounded by God's compassionate spirit.
- ◆ We pray for **Alice Newcomer, Byron Miller** and **Gene Valentine** on the death of their sister-in-law, Vivian Miller. Vivian died early Monday morning, June 12. May they be comforted by God's abiding care.

#### *In the wider community:*

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Emman-**

**uel Baptist.** We pray for the community agricultural managers who plan for each growing season – ordering seeds and plants for all communities and supervising the cultivation and distribution of food products.

- ◆ We join other churches in our District to pray for the **Living Faith Church of the Brethren** near Flora. We pray for their congregation as they continue the work of Jesus. We pray also for the **Pacific Northwest District** and their District Executive, Colleen Michael.
- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN.** The disaster response staff of EYN recently sent a prayer request for the Northeast area of Nigeria that suffered a Boko Haram attack on Wednesday, June 7. The Nigeria Crisis Response and Brethren Disaster Ministries reported that the Boko Haram attacked the area with sophisticated weapons. Even though people fled the area, many were injured or killed. The situation is currently under control, however they ask for our continued prayers for God's mercy and grace.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman** as she seeks as path of healing and whole-ness following her release from captivity. May she know the full-ness of God's presence in her life each day.
- ◆ We pray for the leaders of our country.
- ◆ We pray for peace in our lives and around the world.

#### Pastor On-Call: Karen Eberly

Home: 982-8420; Cell: 578-1247

#### Pastors' Schedules

Kurt ~ Tuesday through Friday  
Karen ~ Monday through Thursday  
Jim ~ Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

#### Office Hours

9:30-4:00 Monday-Friday; closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch.  
The Church is open at 9:30 M-F for walkers.

#### Weekly Calendar

#### Monday, June 12

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC  
5:15 p.m. VBS - Marketplace 29 AD

**Tuesday, June 13**

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Room 213
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. Bowen Center Group - FLC/Room 301
- 5:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School -  
Marketplace 29 AD
- 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220

**Wednesday, June 14**

- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. Bowen Center Group - FLC/Room 301
- 5:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School -  
Marketplace 29 AD

**Thursday, June 15**

- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. Bowen Center Group - FLC/Room 301
- 5:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School -  
Marketplace 29 AD
- 8:00 p.m. Closing Program for VBS - Sanctuary

**Friday, June 16**

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

**Saturday, June 17**

- 11:00 a.m. Room 211 in use

**Sunday, June 18 Father's Day**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *God has made laughter*  
Guest Preacher, Laura Stone  
Text: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7  
Special Music, Chris Beery
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education  
Combined Children's Sunday School
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

**Thank you! Thank you!!**

Many thanks to Elizabeth Struble for sharing her gifts as our Guest Preacher Sunday. The audio version of her sermon, *Up on the mountain, again?* can be found on our website at [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net) under Come Worship / Sermon Audio Files.

*Church Friends,*

*Thank you very much for the generous retirement gift. It was a total surprise to me and sincerely appreciated. Also, the many notes of appreciation and well wishes are a treasure. It was difficult to leave so many friends and good co-workers.*

*Thanks again for 20 wonderful years.* John

**Karly Eichenauer's Message on Youth Sunday**

There were requests for the text version of Karly Eichenauer's message on Youth Sunday. It is on the website under Come Worship / Sermon Text Archives / May 14 Karly's Message.

**Nominations for Leadership in our Church**

Have you **NOMINATED** Yet? Nomination forms are on the credenza and in the church office. Tell us the names of persons who would be good church leaders - Chair of the Executive Board, Chairs of Nurture and Fellowship Commissions, and Delegates to Annual & District Conferences. Pick up a form and turn it in by the deadline - **June 26.**

**Quarterly Outreach Offering  
To Support Nigeria / Haiti**

The summer's Witness Commission sponsored quarterly outreach offering will help rebuild churches in Nigeria and support clean water infrastructure in Haiti. These have been ongoing projects for the denomination.

The most recent district newsletter contained a message from District Executive Beth Sollenberger challenging each congregation to participate in supporting these two projects. Our offering will go toward the district goal of \$10,000 to be presented to General Secretary David Steele who will be with us at District Conference this fall.

Your gift may be received during Sunday morning offering in June. Checks should be made out to the church special offering written on the memo line. Envelopes are available on the credenza and in the church office. Donations may also be mailed. Thank you

**It's Finally Here!!!**

**Marketplace 29 AD!!!** Please join us for the closing program for this year's Vacation Bible School on Thursday evening at 8:00 in the Sanctuary.

Cookie donations for that evening should be dropped off in the kitchen by 5:30 that evening. Thank you for your help!

**Our Camp Mack Campers**

If you would like to send mail to our campers this summer:

Camper's name  
Camp he/she is attending  
PO Box 158  
Milford, IN 46542

**June 18-23** the following will be attending **Finders Camp:**

Leyna Borgmann	Sophie Leckrone
McKelvey Espeset	Evan Martynowicz
Kaidyn Howard	Miriam Struble-Hedstrom

### **The New MELC Open House**

**June 24 ~ 1:00-3:00 pm ~ 705 N Market**

You are invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony and Open House at the NEW Manchester Early Learning Center.

### **Cookies Needed for MELC Open House!**

The Center's Open House Committee will be serving light refreshments and will be happy to receive contributions of cookies. (Please note that this plea for cookies is separate from the cookies needed for Vacation Bible School.) We would like to have 20 to 25 dozen cookies: homemade would be great, but if you prefer, you may call Nordmann's Nook and place an order for cookies. I will arrange to pick up all Nordmann's cookies on Friday, June 23, at noon. If you are providing homemade cookies, please let me know, and deliver them to the new MELC on Market Street by noon on Friday, June 23. If you have questions, please contact Jan Fahs at [FahsBrownJ@gmail.com](mailto:FahsBrownJ@gmail.com) or 982-6405.

### **Peace Patch Preschool**

- ◆ Enrollment still has openings for next year's classes!
- ◆ Forms are available in the church office.
- ◆ Contact Kathy Garber (578-7244) or the office (982-7523) for more information.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Thursday, June 22 ~ 12:00-6:00 pm ~ FLC**

### **Annual Conference 2017 is Just Around the Corner!**

**June 28-July 2 ~ Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Click the webcasts link at [www.brethren.org/ac/2017](http://www.brethren.org/ac/2017)

Or browse directly to the AC webcast page at [www.brethren.org/ac/2017/webcasts](http://www.brethren.org/ac/2017/webcasts)

A full listing of business and reports with links to the text of each item is at [www.brethren.org/ac/2017/business](http://www.brethren.org/ac/2017/business)

### ***Important for Delegates:***

*Two delegate briefing videos are viewable at the same link.*

The following new business items will be presented to the 2017 delegate body:

1. Polity for Agencies
2. Patient Hope in Matters of Conscience
3. Brethren Values Investing
4. Polity for Electing BBT Board Directors

The unfinished business items include:

1. A Vision of Ecumenism for the 21st Century
2. Review and Evaluation
3. Vitality and Viability
4. Authority and Accountability
5. Creation Care

Reports will be received from the Annual Conference agencies—the Church of the Brethren, On Earth Peace, Bethany Theological Seminary, and Brethren Benefit Trust—and from the Program and Arrangements Committee and the Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee. Ecumenical organizations to which the denomination relates also will report to the delegate body.

Business sessions will include presentation of the 2017 ballot and elections to fill church leadership positions. Annual Conference business sessions and worship services will be streamed over the internet. The schedule for all web broadcasts is as follows (Eastern Time):

### **Wednesday, June 28**

7:00 – 8:30 PM - Opening Worship

### **Thursday, June 29**

8:30 – 11:30 AM - Morning Business Session

2:00 – 4:30 PM - Afternoon Business Session

7:00 – 8:30 PM - Evening Worship

### **Friday, June 30**

8:30 – 11:30 AM - Morning Business Session

No afternoon business session

7:00 – 8:30 PM - Evening Worship

### **Saturday, July 1**

8:30 – 11:30 AM - Morning Business Session

2:00 – 4:30 PM - Afternoon Business Session

7:00 – 8:30 PM - Evening Worship

### **Sunday, July 2**

8:30 – 10:30 AM - Closing Worship

Click the webcasts link at [www.brethren.org/ac/2017](http://www.brethren.org/ac/2017) or browse directly to the Annual Conference webcast page at [www.brethren.org/ac/2017/webcasts](http://www.brethren.org/ac/2017/webcasts) for additional information and instructions. You can join in at any time or restart the broadcast from the beginning. You can also comment and chat online with the webcast coordinator, Enten Eller.

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

**EvenSong**

**Wednesday, June 14 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel**

This week will be led by Carol Burkett  
With Sigma Eta Fine Arts Society presenting  
"Poetry and Song"  
"You are all invited to come for this meditation."  
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, June 23 - *The Shack***

Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

**The Historical Society Presents**

**June 12, 2017 ~ 6:30 pm ~ TC Assembly Room**

Brig General USAF J. Steward Goodwin  
Honoring Hoosier Veterans with the  
Indiana War Memorials Commission

**Honeywell Events**

The Honeywell Center is pleased to announce three upcoming shows at the Ford Theater!

**July 22 ~ Ernie Haase & Signature Sound ~ 7:30 pm**

**July 29 ~ NewSong ~ 7:30 pm**

**Sept 8 ~ Larry Gatlin & The Blackwood Quartet ~ 7:30**

Check out the poster on the tower in the vestibule for more information or contact the Honeywell Center at 260-563-1102 and [www.honeywellcenter.org](http://www.honeywellcenter.org)

***Within our Church District...***

**District Conference**

**Saturday, September 16 ~ Camp Mack**

- ◆ Friday afternoon: Pre-Conference CEUs Event at Bethany CoB
- ◆ Friday: District Minister Beth's Leadership Dinner at Bethany CoB
- ◆ Friday Evening: Campfire at Camp Mack
- ◆ Friday Night Housing is available by contacting Camp Mack at 574-658-4831
- ◆ Saturday will include an auction of favorite desserts. Each congregation is asked to provide one dessert for sale, and all attendees should come prepared to spend a log of money!



**Counselors still needed!**

Contact Camp Mack if you can help!  
574-658-4831 or [info@campmack.org](mailto:info@campmack.org)

**Save the Date!**

Mike Kauffman has announced his retirement after serving Camp Mack for 38+ years. August 31 will be his last day. An open house to honor Mike and his ministry at Camp Mack will be held in the John Kline building on August 27th from 2-4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to this special send-off.

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