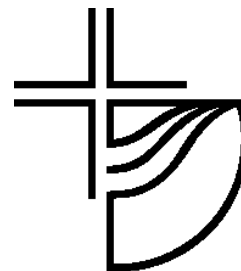


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of November 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 within this faith community is one of the ways we deepen our relationships with God and with each other. In a spirit of compassionate prayer and faith, please keep these spoken concerns with you through the coming week.

Within our faith community:

- ◆ 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 we remember their faithfulness. We pray for **Raymond Johnson, Joann Hoover** and **Doris Miller**.
- ◆ We pray for **Francis Barr** who returned home following a recent hospitalization.
- ◆ We pray for **Becky Waas** hospitalized at Parkview Wabash with broken ribs due to a fall last Friday.
- ◆ We pray for **Lana Groombridge** who will be having further diagnostic tests this coming week.
- ◆ We pray for **Jean Stone** hospitalized at Parkview Regional Medical Center.
- ◆ We pray for the family and friends of **Martha Yohe**. Martha died early Wednesday morning, November 8. The Memorial Service is Saturday, November 18th at 4:00 in the Timbercrest Chapel with a time of visitation following the service.
- ◆ And we continue our prayers for the family and friends of **Russ Hoover** as they gather at Timbercrest on Saturday, November 18th for a time of visitation from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the Service at 1:00.

May all these people be surrounded by God's comforting presence and abiding love in their lives through the coming days.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist** – for our continued relationship that spans the distance between us.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman** ~ may she continue to know safety and security as she moves forward in her life. We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nige-**

ria, EYN, and for their steering committee which is promoting and managing the Soybean Value Chain Initiative with the goal to increase awareness of soybeans as a commercial crop that can provide sustainable economic benefits to farmers and farming communities. The soybean project has been funded through the Global Food Initiative of the Church of the Brethren, and the Nigeria Crisis Response which is a joint effort with EYN.

- ◆ We join the other churches in our District this morning to pray for the **Turnpointe Community Church of the Brethren**. May they know the leading of God's spirit within their congregation. We pray also for the **Northern Plains District** and their District Executive, Tim Button-Harrison.
- ◆ We pray for the leaders of our country.
- ◆ And we lift up our prayers for peace.

Pastor On-Call: Kurt Borgmann

Home: 901-6110; Cell: 901-1851

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 for walkers in the FLC.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 13

8:00 a.m. Nursery in use
1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Commission - Staff Room
6:30 p.m. Youth Musical Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 14

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Room 213
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

Tuesday Continued...

- 3:45 p.m. Christmas Program Practice for scheduled people - Peace Patch
- 5:00 p.m. FLC/Room 300 in use until 7:00 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Musical Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Bell Choir Will NOT Meet
- 7:00 p.m. Education Commission Mtg - Library
- 7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, November 15

- 8:00 a.m. Nursery in use
- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Musical Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 16

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 5:00 p.m. FLC /Room 300 in use until 7:00 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Musical Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Taizé Choir - Chapel

Friday, November 17

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 3:45 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal for scheduled people - Peace Patch
- 6:00 p.m. Dessert Bar - Narthex followed by...**
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Musical 'In the Beginning' - Sanctuary**

Saturday, November 18

- 10:00 a.m. Visitation for Russ Hoover - Timbercrest
- 11:00 a.m. Yoga - Room 211
- 1:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Russ Hoover - Timbercrest Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Martha Yohe - Timbercrest Chapel - Visitation following the service
- 6:00 p.m. Dessert Bar - Narthex followed by...**
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Sunday, November 19

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Investment Strategies*, Pastor Kurt
Text: Matthew 25:14-30; Taizé Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 10:45 a.m. Christmas Program Music Practice -
- 12:00 p.m. Building in use - Pittman Wedding Reception**
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

All Things Considered

- November 19** ~ *Working with the Children's Disaster team in California* with Sue Mock
- November 26** ~ ATC Class will not meet

Koinonia Class

- November 19** ~ *Bold Faith* with Dean Kagarise
- November 26** ~ *Confession of Faith and Affirmation* with Dean Kagarise

Questers' Class

- November 19** ~ *Picking Up the Pieces* with Al Hohl
- November 26** ~ *Update on Our Sister Church* with David Rogers

Kristin and Michael Ebert's Wedding Reception

- November 19 ~ 2:00-4:00 pm ~ Narthex**
- 2:30 ~ Ceremony of Unity and Blessing ~ Narthex**
- Stan & Sharon Pittman are hosting a post wedding reception for their daughter, Kristin and husband Michael Ebert. Please let Stan and Sharon know if you plan to attend by calling **982-2519** or email at shp3795@gmail.com.

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome Tina Rieman, Gene Minton, and Bev Minton into membership in our congregation.

Directory Update

Bev & Gene Minton's email address
genemint@gmail.com



Youth Musical Dessert Donations

The youth musical, *In the Beginning*, will start each evening with a dessert bar beginning at **6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17, and Saturday, November 18**. Please email to Maria Osborne at marialosborne@gmail.com or to Brenda Self at rbself@cinergymetro.net if you are interested in donating a dessert.

Please plan to have your dessert to the church kitchen on Friday or Saturday afternoon by 4:30 p.m.

Thanks for your willingness to help

Rehearsal count down for the Youth Musical!

Monday, November 13 ~ 6:30-9:30

Tuesday, November 14 ~ 6:30-9:30

Wednesday, November 15 ~ 6:30-9:30

Thursday, November 16 ~ 6:30 DRESS REHEARSAL

Friday, November 17 ~ 6:00 Dessert Bar

7:00 ~ PERFORMANCE

Saturday, November 18 ~ 6:00 Dessert Bar

7:00 ~ PERFORMANCE

Junior High...

December 9 ~ 8:30 ~ Jr High Caramel Corn Making

December 10 ~ CAMEL CORN SALES

(right after Worship)!!

It's that Time of the Year!

- ◆ When you are pulling out boxes of Christmas decorations and come across items you had been storing for that garage sale but forgot to put out...have you considered donating them to the youth's silent auction?!
- ◆ When you are going through your recipe box looking for those special holiday recipes and come across some of your favorites, have you considered offering to make them for the silent auction?
- ◆ When you are raking leaves and clearing out the other side of the garage so both cars will fit in, have you considered offering your services in the silent auction to someone who struggles getting those winter projects finished in time?

It is with GREAT EXCITEMENT that our congregation anticipates sending our senior high youth to National Youth Conference in Colorado this coming July. In preparation for and to help offset some of the cost to attend, our congregation raises funds to help with expenses. It's time to brainstorm how you can participate in the infamous Youth Silent Auction. So look through your recipe box, attic, and closets. What can you offer to bake, make, or donate? Think about what services you can provide or skills you can donate. Then in January we will collect items and fill out information sheets for our February auction. Stay tuned for additional details.

Questions? Please contact Brian Kruschwitz, Jeff Osborne, Jeff Lehman, or Joel Eichenauer.

Childcare during Worship

Providing childcare in the nursery during worship is an important aspect of welcoming all to our church. Will you help by spending a Sunday or two in the nursery with our congregation's young children? The Nurture Commission has sign-up sheets in the Narthex for the months of **December** and **January**. Stop by after worship and see where you can volunteer your time and talents.

Stewardship Commitments for 2018

We celebrated stewardship commitment Sunday on October 29. We are grateful to those who responded with commitments to support the ministries of the church in 2018. If you are intending to make a pledge, but missed that Sunday or forgot to bring your pledge, we would be glad to receive your card. You can turn it in through the Sunday morning offering or to the church office. As Bonnie Shenefield, Stewards Commission Chair, said in the Stewardship letter, "Together, as a congregation, we are blessed with wonderful opportunities as well as abundant resources".

Thank you!

Angel Tree

Angel Tree applications are available in the church office. Applications must be received **no later than this Friday, November 17**. They can either be dropped off at the church office or at the Manchester Jr-Sr High School.

December 3 ~ Angel Tree tags will be available to pick up on the Angel Tree table in the Narthex.

December 10 or 17 ~ Please bring your gifts!

MU Choral Lessons & Carols Service

Friday, December 1 ~ 7:30 pm ~ Sanctuary
Refreshments following

Indoor Soccer is Back!!

Beginning Friday, December 8 ~ 7:00 ~ FLC

- ◆ Please sign the waiver on the bulletin board inside the Family Life Center the first time you come to play
- ◆ Check the website for calendar updates.

Children's Christmas Program...Mark your Calendar!

Sunday, December 10 ~ 10:45 am ~ Sanctuary
12:00 ~ Potluck in the Family Life Center

Holiday Stress?

Consider joining us for Yoga...

Saturdays ~ 11:00 am ~ Room 211

A healing way of connecting with and listening to your body, while building balance, flexibility, and strength. We do a different 25-45 minute "Yoga with Adriene" video routine together.

- ◆ No experience needed
- ◆ All levels welcome - routines can be modified
- ◆ Bring a mat; wear comfortable workout clothes; and bare feet.

Call or text Laura Stone (413-885-9196) or Kristen Short (513-319-4778) ahead to confirm that Yoga will meet.

Longest Night Service

Thursday, December 21 ~ 6:00 pm ~ Chapel

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***Within our Community... So Much to Do!***

**North Manchester Historical Society Presents**

Pete Jones

The Story of John Comstock, Founder of Liberty Mills  
November 13 ~ 6:30pm ~ TC Assembly Room  
*All are welcome!*

**EvenSong**

Wednesday, November 15 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel  
"Five Little Stories"  
Led by Kurt Borgmann  
Questions? Call Liz Hoffman Bauer, 260-306-1690

**Shepherd's Center Programs**

November 15 ~ 9:00 am ~ Town Life Center

**MEDTALK** - Phil Wright, M.D. Emergency Room at Parkview in Warsaw

**CURRENT EVENTS** - David Swartz, U.S. State Department, Retired

**Church of the Brethren Work in Nigeria**

Friday, Nov 17 ~ 2-4:00 pm ~ TC Basement Conf Rm

Dr. Samuel Dali is doing research on the work of Church of the Brethren missionaries in Nigeria and the formation of the EYN. He would like to speak with individuals who have served in Nigeria, as well as missionary children, in order to hear their stories. Please arrive between 2:00 and 4:00 PM on Friday afternoon for this informal drop-in time of sharing and stay as long as you can.

**Movies at Timbercrest**

You're invited to join Timbercrest residents for their FREE monthly movies at 7pm in the Assembly Room:

- ◆ Friday, November 17 - *The Founder*
  - ◆ Friday, November 23 - *The Miracle Maker*
- Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

**Community Thanksgiving Service**

November 19 ~ 6:00 pm  
Victory Christian Fellowship, 112 W Main St

**You don't want to miss Ho! Ho! Hometown Holidays**

Small Business Saturday  
November 30 ~ North Manchester  
go to manchestermainstreet@gmail.com

**Timbercrest Festival of Trees**

Saturday, Dec 2 ~ 10am-2pm ~ Timbercrest  
Christmas Bazaar; a visit with Santa, & top the day off with cocoa and cookies!

**Light Up the Town Holiday Gala**

Saturday, December 2 ~ Tickets on Sale NOW!  
"Holiday Garden Party" at the Gardens event Center at Metzger Landscaping & Design  
www.manchestermainstreet.org



**MU Women's Basketball Team Benefit**

Nelson's 1/2 Chicken & Pit-atoes!  
Saturday, Nov 18 ~ 11am-4pm ~ MU gymnasium  
1/2 chicken presale \$6 / at the door \$6.50  
Pit-atoes presale \$3.75 / at the door \$4  
See Heather Schilling for tickets or order online for pick up at [link.manchester.edu/WBballChickenBBq](http://link.manchester.edu/WBballChickenBBq)

**MU Men's Soccer Team**

**Raising Money for Work Camp...it's not too late!**

The MU men's soccer team is raising money for their work camp at the Maranatha School for the Deaf in Top Hill, Jamaica during the January Session. If you have any job(raking leaves, cleaning gutters, baby-sitting...**you name it**) that you would like help with in exchange for a donation toward the team work camp, please contact **Dave Good (982-2420)** to make arrangements.

**Tree Lighting at MU**

Nov. 30 ~ 6:00-7:30 pm ~ Jo Young Switzer Center

**Manchester Symphony Orchestra**

***Holiday Pops! and Amahl and the Night Visitors***  
**December 3 ~ 3:00 pm ~ MU Cordier Auditorium**

**Chicago Bus Trip!**

Join Manchester University alumni and friends for a Chicago bus trip this holiday season. Enjoy a charter bus ride to downtown Chicago, complete with snacks and a movie. Once in Chicago, spend the day how you prefer. Shopping, shows, exhibits and sight-seeing abound. At the end of the day, relax on the charter bus ride back to campus as you enjoy dessert and another movie. The trip will take place on **Saturday, December 2, 2017**. Seats are limited, so register today!

Questions? Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at [888-257-2586](tel:888-257-2586) or [alumnioffice@manchester.edu](mailto:alumnioffice@manchester.edu).

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***Within our Denomination and the World...***

**Camp Mack Corner**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**November 13-15:** Volunteer Work Days

**December 2:** Wreathes and Swags Get-a-Way Day

**December 2:** Christmas Ornaments on the lathe Get-a-Way Day

**December 2/3:** Christmas Cookies Get-a-Way Days

Check out the flyers on the tower in the Vestibule for more information!

[www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org) or 574-658-4831

**From Christmas parties to holiday banquets**, let Camp Mack host you this season! We can serve groups of 25-300 people. Give us a call today.

**Wish List**

We have experienced some unexpected maintenance and need to make up the financial shortfall. We are also in need of a ¾ ton pickup before winter.