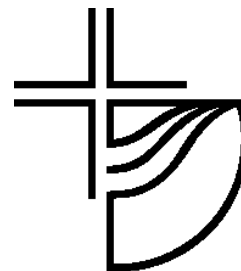


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of November 19, 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 each other helps us deepen our relationships and draw closer to God. In a spirit of compassion and prayer, please keep these spoken concerns in your thoughts through the coming week.

Within our faith community:

- ◆ We give thanks for the energies and talents of the **Senior High Youth** who presented the musical "In the Beginning" here in our sanctuary this past Friday and Saturday evenings.
- ◆ We pray for our congregation as we have received the news of **Jim Chinworth's** upcoming retirement. We pray for his continued work among us in the coming months, and for the leadership of our church as they begin a process of planning for the future. We are – more than anything – grateful for Jim and his wonderful and significant work among us, particularly with the young people of our congregation.
- ◆ We pray for those people who aren't able to join us due to their on-going health or physical limitations. They include: **Francis Barr, John Hamer and Miriam Rusher.**
- ◆ We pray for **Becky Waas** who returned to Timbercrest this past week following a recent hospitalization.
- ◆ We pray for **Joan Deeter** hospitalized at Parkview Randallia for tests and observation.
- ◆ We pray for the family of **Jean Stone.** Jean died early Saturday morning, November 18. The Service for Jean is Wednesday, November 22 at 11:00 here in our sanctuary with visitation, also here at the church, from 9:00 to 11:00 prior to the service.

May all the people we've named who are suffering from illness or facing times of grief be surrounded by God's comforting presence and abiding love through the coming days.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for **Emmanuel Baptist** in El Salvador, as we celebrate our nearly 30 year relationship as sister churches. The members of our congregation who have joined **IBE** in worship as representatives from our congregation are **David Rogers, Bev & Joel Eikenberry** and **Julie Garber.** We are forever grateful for Emmanuel's continued witness and service to the people of El Salvador.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman.** May she have a sense of peace and wholeness as she learns to live a life of freedom from captivity. We pray also for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN.** We pray for Samuel and Rebecca Dali as they take part in several meetings with governmental and advocacy organizations regarding continued needs in Nigeria.
- ◆ We join other churches in our District this morning to pray for the **Union Grove Church of the Brethren.** The congregation requests prayers for their pastoral search committee as they seek God's direction in choosing new leadership for the church. We pray also for the **Northern Ohio District** and their District Executive, Kris Hawk.
- ◆ We pray for **Brethren Disaster Ministries** Construction Supervisor, Chris Hosley, following injuries sustained at a site in Missouri.
- ◆ We offer our prayers for all those affected by the earthquake that struck along the Iran-Iraq border last Sunday, killing at least 530 people and injuring nearly 7500. Aid agencies report that 70,000 people are in need of shelter. We pray for healing of bodies, minds, and hearts and for provision for those needing food, water and shelter.
- ◆ We pray for peace around the world.

Pastor On-Call: Karen Eberly

Home: 982-8420; Cell: 9578-1247

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.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 20

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Program Practice for scheduled children - Peace Patch

Tuesday, November 21

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 9:30 a.m. Nursery in use
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Room 213
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 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. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Witness Commission - Room 213
- 7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, November 22

- 9:00 a.m. Visitation for Jean Stone - MCoB
- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 11:00 a.m. Funeral Service for Jean - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 23 *Happy Thanksgiving!*

- Preschool Thanksgiving Break
- Office Closed
- 8:00 a.m. Building in use - Mason Family

Friday, November 24

- Preschool Thanksgiving Break
- Office Closed
- 9:00 a.m. Building in use

Saturday, November 25

- 11:00 a.m. Yoga - Room 211

Sunday, November 26

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Lord, when?* Pastor Kurt
Text: Matthew 25:31-46
Ecclesia 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. Worship Center Décor setting up for Advent throughout the building
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

All Things Considered

November 26 ~ ATC Class will not meet

Koinonia Class

- November 26 ~ Confession of Faith and Affirmation**
with Dean Kagarise
- December 3 ~ Honest Faith** with Dean Kagarise

Questers' Class

- November 26 ~ Update on Our Sister Church**
with David Rogers
- December 3 ~ Videotaping the Brethren, Part II**
with David Sollenberger

Combined Sunday School Classes

Education Commission is happy to let you know that we will - like last year - be offering a once-a-month option for your Sunday School Classes to join an all-church combined adult Sunday School in the Sanctuary on the following dates:

- January 21 ~ Brethren Disaster Ministries**
- February 25 ~ Nicaragua Medical Practicum -**
Jeff Osborne (Manchester University)
- March 11 ~ High Toll of Local Imprisonment:**
Women speak out on their recovery - Ruth Angle
- April ~ TBD**

Directory Update

Martha Waas has made the big move...across the hall!
Please change her apartment number to Apt. A
Martha Waas
4535 Mimi Dr. Apt A
Indianapolis, IN 46237

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!

Envelope Boxes for Offerings

Offering envelopes for 2018 will be set out soon for pick-up. If you have not previously had envelopes and would like to have a box, please call the church office...982-7523.

Childcare During Worship

Just over two weeks ago our Junior Highs led us in a special, meaningful, worship service. This last Friday and Saturday our Senior Highs presented an enjoyable, wonderful, musical. Many of these young people at one time were cared for in **Childcare During Worship**. Your help is needed now to nurture the next generation of youth in our congregation. What we do now makes a difference!

Your help is needed all Sundays in December and January. Stop by the Nurture table in the Narthex after worship to volunteer an hour of your time for our children. You can do this job and will enjoy getting to know the children in our Congregation.

Angel Tree Changes! PLEASE READ!

November 26 ~ Angel Tree tags will be available to pick up on the Angel Tree table in the Narthex.


December 3 or 10 ~ Please bring your gifts! After the 10th, you will need to take them to St Robert's Church on **Saturday, December 16 from 9am-noon**.

Let's Bake Some Cookies for Others!

Saturday, December 2 ~ 1-3pm ~ Church Kitchen

Bring your premixed dough, frosting and decorations and join us in the kitchen for a cookie baking extravaganza! As a Christmas gift to the community, cookies will be distributed to the Thrift Shop and the Children's program. While this is not a cookie exchange...it is a wonderful opportunity to get together and spread some holiday cheer!

Senior High Youth...

 We'd like to thank everyone who helped us get from rehearsals to performances for **In The Beginning**. And everyone who prepared and served desserts so everyone could enjoy time together prior to the shows. In particular we are grateful to **Marilyn Sexton Mason** for her tireless encouragement, laughter, creativity and ability. And to **Diana Bucher** who faithfully and willingly played the same music over and over and over again until we sang along! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Sunday, December 3 @ noon ~ lunch at Konrad's house

Junior High...

December 9 ~ 10am-1:30 ~ Caramel Corn making in the church kitchen

December 10 ~ Caramel Corn Sales (right after Worship)!! Proceeds will be seed money for either a summer workcamp or another service project.

Get on our Bucket List!

The 4th and 5th grade SS class along with the Jr. High Youth invite you to join with them in replenishing the empty shelves at the Church World Service warehouse with cleanup buckets. On the bulletin board and credenza in the narthex is information on how you can help. The group asks you to take a card, any card, and purchase the item or items on the card that help assemble clean up buckets. Bring them to church any Sunday and the group will place them in the storage room (just off the FLC on the kitchen side). If you have questions contact Ann Hartsough or Jim Chinworth.

Financial donations are also welcome, but remember... we don't drive!

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.

MU Choral Lessons & Carols Service

Friday, December 1 ~ 7:30 pm ~ Sanctuary

The yuletide season at Manchester University offers several musical performances, beginning with the traditional Service of Lessons & Carols featuring MU's Cantabile and Chamber Singers along with scripture and poetry readings.

Admission is free. 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 ~ 11:00 am ~ Sanctuary

12:00 ~ Potluck in the Family Life Center

The Brethren definition of "Potluck":

Everyone brings a dish to share: main course, salad, and or dessert. "If you don't bring it, we can't eat it".

Longest Night Service

Thursday, December 21 ~ 6:00 pm ~ Chapel

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.

Within our Community...

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.

Ringing the Bells

The Salvation Army is again ringing the bells this year at New Market. We will be ringing between Thanksgiving and Christmas. All money collected stays in Wabash County to help families with utilities, rent, prescriptions...

To help out, you may call Deborah at 260-563-8970 to schedule a time. We appreciate your help!

EvenSong

Wednesday, November 22 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel

"Offering Gratitude"

Led by Karen Eberly

Questions? Call Liz Hoffman Bauer, 260-306-1690

Shepherd's Center Programs

November 22 ~ 9:00 am ~ Town Life Center

CURRENT EVENTS - Leonard Williams, MY Political Science Professor

AiL - Jeanine Wine - MU archivist - "Tales From the Crypt"

Movies at Timbercrest

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

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

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

Small Business Saturday

November 25 ~ North Manchester

go to manchestermainstreet@gmail.com

Tree Lighting at MU

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

MU is inviting the neighbors over to join students, faculty and staff in celebrating the season of giving with its Tree-Lighting Ceremony.

- ◆ MJHS Choir will perform at 6:00 with the tree lighting by President Dave McFadden at 6:25. Santa will arrive on a firetruck at 6:30.
- ◆ There will be refreshments, photos with Santa, and a selfie station with MU mascot, Manny!

Visitor parking in on the north side of the center (East Street) and near the PERC.

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

Manchester Symphony Orchestra

Holiday Pops! and Amahl and the Night Visitors

December 3 ~ 3:00 pm ~ MU Cordier Auditorium

General admission is \$15 / free for those 18 and younger

Within our Denomination and the World...

You are invited...

Tuesday, November 28 ~ 2:00pm ~ Wabash CoB

The Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street, will host a public gathering in regard to homelessness. Dale Bliss, Executive Director/Housing Counselor for Advantage Housing, will speak about the Rapid Rehousing Grant that is in effect now for Wabash County residents who may qualify for housing assistance funds.

Camp Mack Corner



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 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.