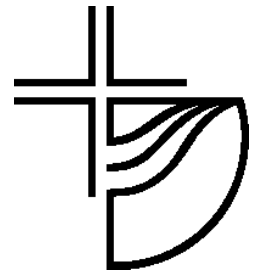


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of November 5, 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 to one another and with God. In a spirit of compassionate prayer and understanding, 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 faith and dedication to the church. They include: **Lois Roop**, **Helen Farringler** and **Ken Frantz**.
- ◆ We pray for **Jean Wolf** who returned to her home in Timbercrest on Tuesday, October 31 following a recent hospitalization.
- ◆ We offer prayers for **Vicki Kelsey** who is home from Peabody Transitional Care on Friday, November 3 to continue her rehabilitation.
- ◆ We pray for **Francis Barr**, hospitalized in Elkhart for observation and tests.
- ◆ We pray for **Tina Stanek's** great-granddaughter, Erica Rosemarie, who was born prematurely and is hospitalized in the NICU.

May all of these people be surrounded by God's abundant care.

- ◆ We also pray for **Norm & Laura Gable** and their family on the death of Norm's older brother, Dennis, on Wednesday, November 1.
- ◆ And we pray for the family of **Russ Hoover**. Russ died early Thursday morning, November 2. The service will be November 18, Saturday, in the Timbercrest Chapel at 1:00 with visitation prior to the service from 10:00 - 1:00.

May both of these families feel the assurance of 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**. We pray for the four youth houses – Cal Pipil, Montepecke, Soyopango and Las Cruzes. They give safety and support to youth 5-6 days a week while parents and care givers are at work.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman** who continues to cope with the effects of her captivity. We pray also for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, for their commitment to re-build their churches and grow their congregations.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District this morning to pray for the **Salamonie Church of the Brethren**. They ask that we offer prayers for new directions in their Youth program, and their expanded Deacon outreach. We also pray for the **Missouri/Arkansas District** and their District Executive, Cindy Sanders.
- ◆ We offer prayers of gratitude for the successful delivery of a vehicle to the Brethren Peace Center in Sudan. The vehicle, which was purchased through Church of the Brethren individual and congregational donations together with a grant from the Emergency Disaster Fund, will greatly improve the delivery of humanitarian aid and other supplies to many people in the country.
- ◆ We pray for peace around the world, in our country and within our hearts and lives.

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 for walkers in the FLC

Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 6

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 3:45 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal for 'Bradleys, Alice, Maxine' - Peace Patch
- 7:00 p.m. Property Commission - Staff Room

Tuesday, November 7

- 6:00 a.m. Rotary Pancake Day - Scout Hall
- 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
- 4:30 p.m. Nurture Commission - Conference Rm
- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, November 8

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Pastors' Lunch - Timbercrest
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Musical Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. PMPC - Room 213

Thursday, November 9

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 9:30 a.m. CBWF - Narthex
- 5:00 p.m. FLC /Room 300 in use until 7:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Stewards' Commission - Staff Room
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Musical Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Sanctuary

Friday, November 10

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 3:00 p.m. Laketon Lions will be setting up for the Holiday Bazaar - FLC / Narthex / Kitchen
- 3:45 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal for 'Herdmans' - Peace Patch

Saturday, November 11

- 9:00 a.m. Laketon Lions Holiday Bazaar - FLC
- 10:00 a.m. Heifer Living Gift Market - Timbercrest
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Musical Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Yoga - Room 211
- 1:00 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal; Full cast except preschoolers, firefighters, Rev. Hopkins (kdgts / 1st graders may leave at 1:45...rest until 2:30) - Peace Patch

Sunday, November 12

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *By all appearances*, Pastor Kurt
Text: Matthew 23:1-12
Bell and Ecclesia Choirs
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 10:45 a.m. Christmas Program Music Practice - Melodia Room
- 10:45 a.m. Youth Musical Stage Set-up
- 11:00 a.m. MU Swimming & Diving Team
Benefit Lunch - Main View
- 6:30 p.m. Solar Energy for our church
with John Hartsough - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. AI-Anon will NOT meet

All Things Considered Class

November 12 ~ *Trip to Palestine & Israel*
with Carole Baker & Al Hohl

Koinonia Class

November 12 ~ *The Importance of Belief*
with Dean Kagarise

November 19 ~ *Bold Faith* with Dean Kagarise

Questers' Class

November 12 ~ *What is Life: A Cosmological Perspective - Genesis 201* with Wilbur McFadden & David Waas

November 19 ~ *Picking Up the Pieces* with Al Hohl

Directory Update

George & Linda Blair's email address
g111blair@earthlink.net

CBWF

November 9 ~ 9:30-3:00 ~ Narthex

The Women's Fellowship will meet to make crib comforters for needy children.

Bring a dish to share for lunch...unless this is your first time...you are our guest!

Please join us!

Call Esther Rupel at 982-1410 if you have any questions.

Angel Tree

Angel Tree applications are available in the church office. Applications must be received **no later than 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!

FYI...November is...

Did you know this is “No Shave November”? What does that mean? “No Shave November” is to grow awareness by embracing our hair as many cancer patients lose theirs. The goal is to donate the money you would typically spend on grooming supplies to help educate about cancer prevention and the chance to save lives. Check out noshave.org for more information.



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.** We would like to have some donations of dessert items such as pies, cakes, cookies, fruit, or other favorite desserts. Please look for the sign up in the Narthex following worship or email to Maria Osborne at marialosbome@gmail.com or to Brenda Self at rbself@cinergymetro.net to sign up and indicate which night you would like to donate a dessert item.

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.

November 17 & 18 ~ Youth Musical; In the Beginning
6:00 pm ~ Dessert Bar ~ Narthex
7:00 ~ Performance ~ Sanctuary

Rehearsal count down...

Wednesday, November 8 ~ 6:00 - 8:00

Thursday, November 9 ~ 6:00 - 8:00

Saturday, November 11 ~ 10:00-3 (lunch)

Sunday, November 12, stage set up after worship / lunch / rehearsal...

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)!!

Silent Auction...it's time to start planning!

What do you get when you combine delicious desserts with gourmet specialty foods and expert shared talents with unique items of beholder value? If you guessed the biennial Youth Silent Auction, then congratulations!

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 back of the Narthex for the months of **December** and **January**. Stop by after worship and see where you can volunteer your time and talents.

A New Era in Solar Energy & the Possibilities for our church!

November 12 ~ 6:30 pm ~ Chapel

Sponsored by the Witness Commission

This meeting is for all people interested in alternative energy, wanting to learn of the current situation and future of Photovoltaic (solar) Electrical Production, and its potential application at our church.

We will first watch a presentation made in August of 2017 to the Jefferson County Chapter of the Colorado Renewable Energy Society entitled *A New Era for Solar* by Sarah Kurtz, sister to Rachel Gross. Dr. Kurtz was a Research Fellow with the National Center for Photovoltaics (NCPV) and a Principal Scientist at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory located in Golden, Colorado (NREL). She is a world-renowned expert in the fields of multifunction PV, concentrator PV, and PV reliability. Dr. Kurtz is currently a professor at the University of California-Merced.

Following the film we will hear from several people who have direct experience with PV electrical production.

Finally, we will introduce the possibility of our church producing PV electricity to provide power, in particular to our ground source (geothermal) climate control system. Adding PV electrical production to our current climate control system would be an exemplary melding of technologies compatible with the principle of conservation of natural resources, and the reduction of the effects of burning fossil fuels.

Information provided by John Hartsough

Kristin and Michael's Wedding Reception

November 19 ~ 2:00-4:00 pm ~ Family Life Center

Stan & Sharon Pittman are hosting a post wedding reception for their daughter, Kristin and husband Michael Ebert. A small ceremony will be conducted at 2:30. Please let Stan and Sharon know if you plan to attend by calling 982-2519 or email at shp3795@gmail.com

Updates on Immigration

The current President of the United States has placed the future of immigration policy on the agenda of Congress. It is extremely important that our legislators hear from us, now and repeatedly, to act on immigration issues. I think one comprehensive immigration policy will never be legislated by Congress in the near future so we must focus on each of the small steps which will affect immigrant workers and their families in the next four months. The results of legislative action will have an affect, either positive or negative, on many families in our local community.

Let's work towards positive results by informing our senators and representative of the importance of making into law the following Congressional Bills.

- ◆ Senate Bill (S) 1615 and House Bill (HR) 3440 are identical bills. Both have been introduced in their respective chambers and have been sent to committees. They are commonly referred to as The Dream Act of 2017 and would essentially reinstate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy which President Obama issued as an Executive Order. This legislation is needed for many young people in the United States including a number of local young people.
- ◆ Senate Bill (S) 1034 is an attempt to create a method which recognizes the long term employment of immigrant agricultural workers in the United States. Currently, there is no U.S. Visa which represents this class of workers which has led to from 50% to 70% of agricultural workers being undocumented. This bill is known as The Agricultural Worker Program Act of 2017 and would provide for a "blue" card of employment for the long term undocumented workers in agriculture.

- ◆ Rep. Goodlatte of Virginia and the Chair of House Judiciary Committee proposed the Agricultural Guest-workers Act which would change the visa situation for agricultural workers from the other H2 visas. This visa would be for long-term workers and proposes an H-2C visa. This past Wednesday, October 25, it received bill number, H.R. 4092. This bill as with the others have been introduced and sent to committee.

Our role can be to persistently contact our Senators and Representative to inform them that these bills need immediate attention in committee and brought to the respective chambers for legislative action. Ask them to support these bills.

Accurate information about these bills can be found by "googling" the bill numbers and choosing the www.congress.gov/bill link which will appear.

Information provided by John Hartsough

MU Choral Lessons & Carols Service

Friday, December 1 ~ 7:30 pm ~ Sanctuary

Longest Night Service

Thursday, December 21 ~ 6:00 pm ~ Chapel

Within our Community... So Much to Do!

Rotary Pancake Day

Tuesday, November 7 ~ 6:00am-1pm ~ Scout Hall
with sausage or scrambled eggs & coffee, juice, or milk
\$7 adults ~ \$4 children ~ under 5 free
Carry out available
Proceeds benefit community projects

EvenSong

Wednesday, November 8 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel

"Faith Filled Music"

Led by Ruth Ann Bever, organist &
Carol Lindquist, pianist

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

Shepherd's Center Programs

November 8 ~ 9:00 am ~ Town Life Center

Current Events - Tabitha Patten, Parkview EMS Supervisor - "What's This Opioid Crisis All About?"

AiL - Tim Shepherd - owner & Brad Briner, general manager - "Shepherd's Dealership"

**Celebrate the True Meaning of Christmas
at Heifer International's 30th Living Gift Market!**

Sat., November 11 ~ 10:00 - 2:00 ~ TC Assembly Rm

The Living Gift Market has raised over \$510,000 in North Manchester since 1987.

Buy a gift animal such as a goat, rabbit, pig, bees or heifer. Each Market gift gives over and over again. You honor a friend or loved one with an attractive card stating your gift. Heifer Turns Recipients Into Donors. One gift turns into many as more lives are transformed through Heifer's cornerstone of "Passing on The Gift." Each recipient of a Heifer animal promises to give back to the community by passing on an offspring of their animal to a neighbor in need-extending the reach of hope to create a living chain of giving.

For more information contact Jim Myer at 982-6343 or jmyerwdw@yahoo.com.

Annual Laketon Lions Club Bazaar

Saturday, November 11 ~ 9:00-3:00 ~ FLC / Narthex

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!

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

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

Manchester Symphony Orchestra

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



MU Swimming/Diving Team Benefit

Sunday, November 12 ~ 11:00 ~ Main View
Choose from zesty orange chicken or beef n' noodles
\$7.00 adults / \$4 children & half orders / \$2 pie

**MU Men's Soccer Team
Raising Money for Work Camp**

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

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.

Within our Denomination and the World...

Camp Mack Corner



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 7-8: Pastor's Sabbath

November 11: Sandhill Cranes Trip

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 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pickup before winter.

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