

# Manchester Church of the Brethren

## MEMO

Week of October 1, 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 is one of the ways we continue to express our trust in God and develop deeper relationships within this faith community. In a spirit of compassionate prayer and understanding, please keep these spoken concerns with you in the coming days.

#### *Within our faith community:*

- ◆ We celebrated with **Evelyn Niswander** at her 100th birthday open house, which was Sunday in the Timbercrest Assembly Room. May Evelyn continue to be surrounded by the love of family and friends and the abundance of God's love.
- ◆ We pray for those people who aren't able to join us in worship due to their on-going health and physical limitations. They include **Alice Frantz** and **Doris Snell**. May they both know faith and faithfulness is remembered.
- ◆ We pray for **Russ Hoover** who is hospitalized at Parkview Regional Medical Center. May Russ know God's comfort in the midst of his healing needs.
- ◆ We pray for **David Sollenberger** who is recovering at home following successful hip replacement surgery. May David be held in God's care as he increases his mobility in the coming days.
- ◆ We pray for **Jean Stone** who has returned to Timbercrest Healthcare following a recent hospitalization. May Jean be upheld by the encouragement of God's spirit.
- ◆ We pray for **Bev Petry** hospitalized at Wabash Parkview. May Bev be surrounded by God's love as her situation stabilizes.
- ◆ We pray for **Barry Bucher** who will be having surgery at the Mayo Clinic on Wednesday, October 11. The congregation is invited to attend an anointing service for Barry & Diana Sunday afternoon at 4:00 in the church chapel. May Barry and Diana know a sense of peace through God's presence.
- ◆ We pray for **Ella Mae Weaver** who is hospitalized at Huntington Parkview Hospital. May she be surrounded by God's comforting presence.

- ◆ We pray for the families of the Amish youth who were injured in an accident this past weekend. Our sympathies also extend to the families of Louis Schwartz and Harvey Schwartz who died as a result of the accident. May they be surrounded by God's peace.

#### *In the wider community:*

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We offer prayers for Emmanuel's deacon board as they plan for ministries in the more than 40 mission communities throughout El Salvador. We also remember Emmanuel's staff as they serve these areas daily.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Portland Church of the Brethren**. We pray that they might continue to seek God's call in the life of their congregation. We pray also for the **Atlantic Southeast District** and their District Executive, Terry Grove. Terry reports that 3 or 4 of the churches in the District have sustained damage to their buildings. Please keep this District in prayer as they repair their church buildings as well as finding ways to help those in their communities in need.
- ◆ We continue to offer prayers for those people who have been affected by recent hurricane activity, including the members of our **Church of the Brethren family** in the Puerto Rico district. In many places, the extent of the damage and devastation is still becoming known. However, **Brethren Disaster Ministries** will work together with the district to provide relief supplies and assist with recover efforts. We pray that aid reaches those who need it most and for glimmers of hope amid the despair.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman**. May she continue to discover a renewed sense of wholeness each day. We pray also for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN** as they minister to the needs of the people in their country.
- ◆ We continue our prayers for the victims of the earthquake that hit central Mexico, including Mexico City, on September 19th. We pray for safety and perseverance in recovery efforts, for comfort for those who mourn and for God's strength to pour over individuals seeking healing in their communities and lives.

- ♦ We pray for peace in our hearts and reconciliation in our 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.

**Weekly Calendar**

**Monday, October 2**

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC  
 5:00 p.m. Soccer Carry-in - FLC/Kitchen  
 6:30 p.m. Worship Center Décor Meeting - Room 213

**Tuesday, October 3**

9:30 a.m. Preschool - Fire Station Field Trip  
 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Room 213  
 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC  
 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220  
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary  
 7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

**Wednesday, October 4**

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool  
 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

**Thursday, October 5**

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool  
 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC  
 7:00 p.m. Education Commission - Library  
 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

**Friday, October 6**

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool  
 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

**Saturday, October 7**

9:00 a.m. Camp Mack Festival - Camp Mack  
 11:00 a.m. Yoga - Room 211

**Sunday, October 8**

9:30 a.m. Worship: *Did you think you'd get away with it*  
 Pastor Kurt

Text: Matthew 21:33-46  
 Ecclesia Choir

10:45 a.m. Christian Education  
 10:45 a.m. Youth Musical Rehearsal  
 1:00 p.m. Youth Musical Rehearsal  
 4:00 p.m. Anointing Service - Bucher; Chapel  
 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

**Koinonia Class**

October 8, 15, 22, 29 ~ *Job* with Bob Bowman

**Questers' Class**

October 8 ~ *Faith Journey* led by Kurt Rowland

**Directory Updates**

Correction for Doris Carpenter's email address  
 doristcarpenter17@gmail.com

Brent, Ashley, Edie, and Julian Mock  
 1 Miner Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580  
 Phone: 630-991-0712  
 mock.ashley@gmail.com

**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.

**Yoga...connecting with and listening to your body...**

**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 (you can look her up on YouTube to get a feel for it).

- ♦ 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 (513-319-4778) ahead to confirm that class will meet.

## CBWF

**October 12 ~ 9:30-3:00 ~ Narthex**

The Women's Fellowship will meet to make crib comforters for needy children. The following are still 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!

**Please join us!**

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

## Red Cross Blood Drive

**Thursday, October 12 ~ 12-6:00 p.m. ~ FLC**

## Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 15!

- ◆ **Noon ~ New member Potluck hosted by the Youth**
- ◆ **1:00 ~ Fall Council Meeting; information regarding the meeting can be picked up at the church office during the week or in the Narthex after church.**

## Childcare during Worship

Now is the time to sign up for **November and December**. A member of the Nurture Commission will be next to the name tag table in the Narthex following worship. Thank you for supporting this ministry for our children's care.



The Youth are still collecting for Clean up Buckets, School Kits and Disaster Relief. Please stop at the table in the Narthex after church to find out how you can help.

**National Youth Conference 2018 (July 21-26)...Bound Together: Clothed in Christ.** The youth are busy planning fund raisers to help with upcoming expenses...so here let's get started!

Mark your calendars...plan ahead

**October 22 ~ Youth sing in Worship**  
**November 17,18 ~ Youth Musical (NYC fundraiser)**

Rehearsal schedule:

Sunday, October 8 during SS, lunch & 1-4 pm

Sunday, October 15, 3-5 pm

Sunday, October 22, 1-4 pm

more later...

**December 3 ~ next Sunday noon meal at Borgmanns'**  
**February 4, 11, 18 ~ Silent Auction (NYC fundraiser)**

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

### EvenSong

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

Led by Heather Reich

"He loves, Answers and Walks - A Collection of Stories"  
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, October 13 - Mr. Church**

◆ **Friday, October 27 - Lion**

Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

### Shepherd's Center Programs

**October 4 ~ 9:00 am ~ Town Life Center**

**Current Events** - David Hicks, MU Professor of Biology; "Climate Change: Current Changes and Projected Computer Models"

**Adventures in Learning** - Michael Spath, President of IN Center for Middle East Peace; "Suuni + Shi'a Relationship"

### North Manchester Historical Society Presents:

**Like Birds in a Wind Storm:**

**The Story of the Trail of Death**

**Monday, October 9 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ TC Assembly Room**



### Alumni Association Honors Tim McElwee

The Alumni Association is honoring 1978 graduate **Tim McElwee** with the Alumni Honor Award, the highest recognition it can bestow upon a graduate.

Now senior vice president for the foundation of Parkview Health, McElwee served as Manchester campus pastor from 1983-87, Director of Development from 1996-98 and Vice President for Advancement from 1999-2003 and 2013-2015.

A member of the CoB, he also served as MU Plowshares Associate Professor of Peace Studies and Political Science from 2003-2008 and was Vice President for Academic Resources prior to joining Parkview.

Previously in his career, McElwee worked in advancement roles with Heifer International and Albright College. He now resides in Fort Wayne.

### **MU Homecoming October 13-15**

Alumni and friends of MU may register at:  
[link.manchester.edu/homecoming](http://link.manchester.edu/homecoming)

Mobile-friendly schedule for celebration:  
[www.manchester.edu/about-manchester/messages/homecoming-2017](http://www.manchester.edu/about-manchester/messages/homecoming-2017)

### **Manchester Symphony Orchestra**

#### **“A Family Portrait”**

Composed by Debra Lynn

Grammy Winner Daniel Belcher & high school choirs

**Mon. October 16 ~ 7:30 ~ Cordier Auditorium at MU**

Pre-concert Civil War indoor & outdoor activities begin at 6:00 p.m.

[manchestersymphonyorchestra.com](http://manchestersymphonyorchestra.com)

### **Church Women United**

**October 27 ~ 9-11:30 ~ TC Assembly Room**

Inspires ALL women to come together, energizing their desire to build new bonds through “Kindling New Fires for Peace” – embracing the essence of other cultures.

We invite you to come dressed in “International Attire” showing your support for peace and justice around our world. If you don’t feel you already have something to wear for this unusual celebration, come early and browse amongst our guest vendors, whose specific ministries promote peace and justice, giving you options to purchase a clothing item or accessory to don!

Among the diverse choices, “One World Handcrafts” will display African attire, scarves, wraps, as well as bestow a Christmas tree filled with a variety of ornaments for sale. Sally Rich’s African ministry, “Omiyo” (meaning “to give” in Acholi) will offer an array of unique jewelry and also Sherry Searles’ mission, “Accessories of Hope” will extend a selection of scarves and bags.

Registration, project contributions (to “Destiny Rescue”) and vendor shopping will be accessible from 9 – 9:30am and **again following our program, from 11-11:45 am.**

Awaken your spirit to the value of “intercultural sharing” gained first-hand, from our friend and neighbor, Sally Rich. Within our intimate setting, discover how we can and do “live-out” peace, how we are fueled to contribute to humanity, how we truly recognize who is our “sister” or our “brother.”

Our informal arrangement will encourage you to enlighten your taste buds, while getting to know “your neighbor” better, possibly uncovering new ways to living peace.

### **Within our Denomination...**

Friends,

Disasters are all over the news headlines. BDM only functions if we have many volunteers. You are the one we need to get the work done. You don’t need to be a professional contractor or an agile roofer to join this good work. This year there are two weeks we need volunteers and next year has more than four weeks our district is scheduled to provide volunteers.

**November 12-18** we have seven or eight folks headed for Eureka, MO joining a group from IL/WI District to do flood repair. If you can join, call Jim Shively at 260-438-0919.

**December 3-9** a group of fifteen is going to Marion County, SC for Hurricane Matthew repairs. Call Erin Huiras at 260-571-6612 if you wish to be a member of that team.

**January 21-27** with a shared week with IL/WI again in Eureka, MO.

**March 11-17** we need fifteen in Missouri again.

**September 9-15** we have a full team of volunteers going to Project 2, location to be determined.

We finish the year **November 25-December 1** on Project 2 with IL/WI District.

Let me know which dates fit your schedule and a list of others who will go or should go with you. If those listed dates don’t fit your life there are usually openings on other weeks to fill the volunteer quota so ask me and I will try to arrange it for you.

Children’s Disaster Services has been very busy in Houston and Florida. They are inviting others to join those very needed teams. Call Kathy Fry-Miller at 800-451-4407 or email CDS@brethren.org.

Cleanup and hygiene kits have been depleted with the string of hurricanes across the Caribbean and US. If your churches can donate those kits they are needed. Always financial donations to BDM are welcomed. PO Box 188, New Windsor, MD 21776.

Thank you for your support of BDM ministries!

Cliff Kindy, district disaster coordinator  
phone: 260-982-2971 email: kindy@cpt.org

### **Camp Mack Corner**



#### **October 7 ~ Camp Mack Festival!!**

- ◆ Food Booths ~ 9:00-2:00
- ◆ Train Rides ~ 9:00-2:30
- ◆ Live Music and Entertainment 9:00-3:00
- ◆ Children’s Activities ~ 9:00-3:00
- ◆ Demonstrations ~ 9:00-3:00
- ◆ Les Gustafson-Zook, autoharp champion ~ 10:00

- ◆ Flea Market ~ 10:00-1:00
- ◆ Hay Rides ~ 10:00-2:30
- ◆ Live Auction ~ 1:30-end

**And more!!**

**FREE** parking & **FREE** admission  
All proceeds Support Camper Scholarships  
& Other Camp Projects

**October 16-19 ~ Seasoned Citizens Camp**

- ◆ Bible Study each morning will be from 1 Kings, Luke, and Romans taught by Frank Ramirez.
- ◆ Norman and Carol Waggy will tell of their experiences in Nigeria on Tuesday evening.
- ◆ Other activities, including Vespers, will fill the rest of the time.
- ◆ We're unsure at this time, but we may bake cookies for future campers one afternoon. Afternoons can be as relaxing or as active as you like.

Register online if you like at [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org). Or, if you have a brochure, send in the form to Camp Alexander Mack at PO Box 158, Milford, IN 46542.

Please come for the whole retreat or for as many days or as much time as you can. **Check-in begins around 3 p.m. on Monday at Sarah Major** and closes with lunch on Thursday.

Share this with others and mark your calendars.

Hope to see you there!

Co-Deans

Phyllis Hall, Margaret Weybright, Dorothy Gall

**October 14-15:** Father Son Retreat

**October 19-22:** Scrapbook Retreat

**October 27-29:** Build-A-Drum Workshop

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

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

**Power, Privilege and the Journey Towards Justice Conference**

Jointly sponsored by the Brethren Mennonite Council and On Earth Peace will take place at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, **October 20-22.**

- ◆ Registration is \$125, with housing available in local hotels or with host families in the church.
- ◆ Some registration brochures are available in the church office if you are interested.
- ◆ Registration is also available on-line through the BMC website.
- ◆ Facilitators for the conference are Matt Guynn, director of social change organizing with On Earth Peace and

Regina Shands Stoltzfus, professor at Goshen College. experiences of liberation through storytelling, worship and conversation.”

- ◆ The goals are to “examine how power and privilege affects our individual and corporate lives, analyze how power operates within the church, learn new ways to use power to further nonviolent change, and share
- ◆ The conference will conclude Sunday morning, October 22 with worship at the Bridgewater Church.
- ◆ **Registration is due by October 9.**
- ◆ Please see Kurt Borgmann if you are interested in more information.