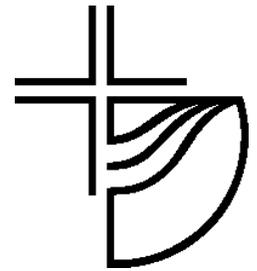


Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of October 14, 2018
Peacefully, Simply, Together



Prayer Concerns

We hold in our hearts and in our minds all our joys and our sorrows from this past week. And as we share further prayer requests within this community of faith this morning, we have a greater awareness of our connectedness one to another and the enduring presence of God in our lives.

Within our faith community:

- ◆ We pray for those people who aren't able to join us in worship due to their on-going health challenges or the current physical limitations including: **Becky Waas, Raymond Johnson, Louise Williams, and Doris Miller.**
- ◆ We pray for **Niel & Sandy Bendsen's** son, Knoll, who will be going to the University of Michigan ataxia clinic on Friday, October 19th for further diagnosis and treatment recommendations for his spinocerebellar ataxia. Knoll's condition was diagnosed a year & a half ago and is progressive.

May these people know the support of our prayers and the depth of God's abundant love.

Within the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist.** We offer prayers of thanksgiving and joy as we join with our Emmanuel sisters and brothers in the celebration of the canonization of brother and martyr, Archbishop Oscar Amulfo Romero by the Roman Catholic Church. Romero was a great champion for justice and peace, and advocate for the poor, confronting government, military, even the church because of oppression and violence. Representatives of Emmanuel Baptist have been invited be present at the official canonization service for Archbishop Romero today in San Salvador.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Portland Church of the Brethren.** We pray for their congregation as they seek to follow Jesus. We pray also for the **Northern Ohio District** and their District Executive, Kris Hawk.

- ◆ We offer prayers for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN.** We are grateful for our denominational Emergency Disaster Fund which bestowed a grant of \$400,000 to cover the expenses of the Nigeria Crisis Response Program through February of 2019. EYN is struggling financially but still growing, starting new churches in areas where displaced members have resettled. The current response continues key ministries at a reduced level of funding due to reduced donations. About 70 percent of EYN members have now returned home, shifting program priorities to recovery activities that will help families become more self-supporting. Primary focus areas of the response include repairing homes; peacebuilding work and trauma recovery; assistance with agriculture, education, food, and medical and home supplies; helping the EYN church recover; and travel and other expenses for US volunteers and staff.
- ◆ We pray for all those people along the path of Hurricane Michael. We pray also to those who are assessing the damage, beginning clean-up work and restoring power to the areas that received the most devastation.
- ◆ We pray for peace around the world and in our hearts.

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Pastors' Schedules

Kurt ~ Tuesday through Friday
Karen ~ Monday through Thursday

Office Hours

9:30-4:00 Monday-Friday; closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch.
The church is open at 9:30 for walkers.
Phone: 260-982-7523

Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 15

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

4:00 p.m. FLC in use until 6:30

Tuesday, October 16

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Room 213
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 1:30 p.m. Staff meeting - Staff Room
- 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Camp Mack Finance Committee until 9:00 p.m. - Conference Room
- 7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, October 17

- 9:00 a.m. Music Staff Meeting - Conference Rm
- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Board - Conference Rm

Thursday, October 18

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. FLC in use until 6:30
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

Friday, October 19

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

Sunday, October 21

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *First in Line*; Pastor Kurt
Scripture: Mark 10:35-45
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 5:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Cookout/Campfire at Hupp Brown's
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Narthex in use

Jubilee Class

- October 21** ~ MCoB Story Corps with Dorothea Fry Mason
- October 28** ~ No SS; Manchester Schools fall break
- November 4** ~ MCoB Story Corps with Elton Skendaj
- November 11** ~ MCoB Story Corps with Pat Price
- November 18** ~ MCoB Story Corps with Wilbur McFadden

All Things Considered Class

October 21~ Lamar Gibson, Development Director at On Earth Peace. Our youth will be joining us.

Questers Class

October 21-28 ~ Paul video (John Dominic Crossan); The Questers invite everyone to join them in the chapel for this series.

Outreach Offering for Puerto Rico BDM

Brethren Disaster Ministries has been working in Puerto Rico ever since hurricanes Irma and Maria caused massive destruction in 2017. It is not too late to contribute to support constructions and ongoing case management and others costs related to these efforts. Envelopes are available at the church office. Please make your check out to MCoB.

I'm Back!

Many thanks to Sandy Bendsen for covering the office for me this past week! As most of you know by now, I married Chuck Bell on October 6 and took a week off to vacation with my new extended family. Thank you for your kind words and support as Chuck and I begin this new chapter in our lives. The timeframe for our plans are not definite, but we will travel between my home and his in New Castle. I will continue to work during the week and be with him on the weekends. Sometime in the Spring as we have transitioned in our new Pastor and worked out a replacement for me, I will then retire and move. My family and my church family are here. This will always be my church home and my community so you will see me often!!

Peg



Goats or Rabbits?

Do you like goats or rabbits?
If so, maybe you would like to help sponsor one of these animals at the Living Gift Market on



November 10. You would set up a display to advertise the benefits of the animal. Interested? Contact Jim Myer: jmyerdw@yahoo.com / 982-6343.

Heifer International Live Gift Market November 10 ~ TC Assembly Room

Childcare during Worship

Are you able to:

1. Read a short book out loud?
2. Put together a 10 piece puzzle?
3. Rock in a rocking chair?
4. Blow bubbles?
5. Roll a ball?

Any one of the above qualifies you to be on the three person team for childcare during worship! Team members are needed for **October, November, and December.** Sign up after worship in the Narthex, or call the church office.

Let our children and their parents know you care!!

**Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry and
Congregational Life**

In a unanimous vote, the Manchester Church of the Brethren called Seth Hendricks to the position of Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry and Congregational Life on September 30, 2018. Seth will move to North Manchester by the end of the year and begin his new employment on **January 2**. Seth grew up in Iowa and Indiana and has been serving a Church of the Brethren congregation in Southern Ohio for nine years. He attended Manchester University & Bethany Theological Seminary. Music is a major interest of Seth's, which he offers in the course of his ministry, as well as many other gifts. Seth and his wife Laina have three children: Ezra (9), Wren (4), and Arie (1).

Wall hanging to display in the church office

Fall is here! Do you have a fall hanging you would allow us to display through November?



Sr High:

Oct 21 ~Sunday School will be with All Things Considered Class and Lamar Gibson with On Earth Peace ~ Evening Cookout & campfire at Hupp Browns'

Oct 28 ~ Informal Sunday School Gathering

Jr High:

THIS Friday, Oct 19 ~ 6:00-8:00!
Bonfire & Pumpkin Carving!!
Bring your own pumpkin
Snacks Provided
Espesets' ~ 201 River Cove Lane



Nov 2 / 3 ~ Preparation plans for Junior High Sunday
Nov 4 ~ Junior High Sunday ~ plan to be a bit early to church that day for last minute preparation

Nov 9 ~ 6:30 ~ Maybe a game night?
Starting at the church...hosted by the Lahman family
Stay tuned for more information!

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?!!



Sunday, November 4 ~ the Fellowship Commission is once again sponsoring the "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" event designed for Manchester COB folks to become better acquainted. A group of hosts entertain a random and secret group of guests for **Sunday evening dinner 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

- ◆ **Hosts** provide the main course and beverages
- ◆ **Guests** are assigned to bring either a side dish or dessert. Who will come? That's the secret! This is a kid-friendly event.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex during Fellowship time after church on **October 21**. Indicate whether you will be a host or guest or either. If hosting, indicate how many diners you can accommodate. If you are a guest, indicate how many from your family are attending.

Within our Community...

EvenSong

Wednesday, October 17 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel

Led by Laura Stone

"A Service of Prayer for Healing"

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

Everyone is Welcome!

Shepherd's Center Fall Programs

October 17 ~ Town Life Center

- ◆ **MEDTALK** ~ 8:30 ~ TBA
 - ◆ **CURRENT EVENTS/Russia** ~ 9:30 ~ David Swartz, US State Dept., Retired
- Check out our newsletter at:** <http://nmshepherd.com>

Consider joining MSC. Dues are \$8 yearly.

Movies at Timbercrest

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

- ◆ **Friday, Oct 19 ~ The Greatest Showman**
Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189
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Within our District ...

Next BLI Class...Biblical Interpretation

**Saturdays ~ October 27, Nov 10 & 17 ~ 9am-4pm
taught by Tim Morphew & Craig Alan Myers
Marion Church of the Brethren**

Compelling Vision Process

Our denomination is in the middle of some important discussion. They are called the Compelling Vision Process. I encourage you to learn more at the Church of the Brethren website(<http://www.brethren.org/ac/compelling-vision.html>), and I ask you to participate in one of the two discussion opportunities planned for our district:

**Saturday, November 10 ~ 3:00-5:00 ~ Anderson CoB
Sunday, November 11 ~ 2:00-4:00 ~ TC**

Please keep these district meetings and the Compelling Vision Process in your prayers and attend one of these meetings to be a part of the conversation.

Carol Spicher Waggy

2019 Brethren Disaster Participation

South Center District is scheduled to help with recovery projects on the following dates:

- ◆ **Feb. 3-9** (7 volunteers)
- ◆ **Mar. 10-16** (15 volunteers)

The February and March dates will likely be located in Lumberton, NC which has once again sustained significant damage.

- ◆ **Sept. 8-14** (15 volunteers)
- ◆ **Dec. 1-7** (7 volunteers).

There is a need for construction leaders and household managers in Puerto Rico for this fall and into next year. Conditions are challenging . Getting homes livable will be top priority before heavy construction.

Contact Cliff Kindy if you are willing and able to help at :
kindy@cpt.org or call 260-982-2971.

Camp Mack Corner



Upcoming Events:

October 17-21 ~ Quilt Retreat

October 22-25 ~ Seasoned Citizens Retreat

Check out the flyers on the tower in the Vestibule!

Kingdom Building / An Evangelism Conference

Nov 9 & 10 ~ Greenville CoB, Greenville, OH

Moderator Elect: Paul Munday

Sponsored by:

Brethren for Biblical Authority
Southern OH/KY District CoB
Brethren Retirement Community

www.greenvillecob.weebly
for registration and information

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