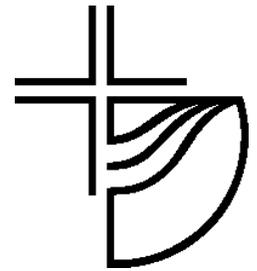


# Manchester Church of the Brethren

## NEWSLETTER

Week of October 21, 2018  
Peacefully, Simply, Together



### Prayer Concerns

We hold in our heart and minds all the joys and concerns from this past week. Sharing our joys and our sorrows within this community of faith is one of the many ways we continue to create relationships within our church and a deeper relationship with God. In a spirit of compassionate prayer and acceptance, please keep these spoken prayers with you in the coming days.

#### Within our faith community:

- ◆ We pray for those people who aren't able to join us in worship due to their on-going physical limitations or the current health challenges. The list includes: **Miriam Rusher, Francis Barr, John & Esther Hamer and Grace Voorheis.**
- ◆ We offer prayers for **David Young**, who is having a surgical procedure on Monday, October 22. David is experiencing some health concerns and hopes that this procedure will offer some clearer information about the issues he is dealing with.
- ◆ We offer prayers for **Karen Sare**. Karen is now in chronic rejection from her lung transplant. She and Randy will be in Indianapolis for the next two weeks for Karen to receive intensive rehab and an evaluation to enter a program that might stop the rejection. Karen's current physical situation holds many unanswered questions, she asks for your prayers for grace and whole-ness as she and Randy navigate this latest development in their lives.

May each of these people feel the support of our love and our prayers and know the full-ness of God's presence.

#### In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We offer prayers for the 26 youth who are a Culture for Peace Team working to solve conflicts among groups in school and between individuals. They have strong commitment to peaceful solutions.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Pymont Church of the Brethren** near Delphi. We pray for their congregation as they continue to

seek the leading of the spirit. We also pray for the **Southern Ohio & Kentucky District** and their District Executive, David Shetler.

- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman** as she continues to find her way in the midst of her freedom. We also offer our prayers for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, as they work to heal churches and lives.
- ◆ We pray for the two Children's Disaster Service teams who arrived in Panama City, Florida, on Tuesday, October 16 and immediately began working at two large shelters in one of the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Michael.
- ◆ We also pray for those people in Texas who are experiencing the impact of the flooding in their state.
- ◆ We pray for peace.

#### Pastor on Call: Karen Eberly

Home: 982-8420 Cell: 578-1247

#### 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 22

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC  
4:00 p.m. FLC in use until 6:30

##### Tuesday, October 23

9:30 a.m. Preschool  
10:00 a.m. Library in use until 11:00 - Preschool  
10:30 a.m. Staff meeting - Staff Room  
12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Room 213  
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC  
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220

**Tuesday, October 23 continued**

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

**Wednesday, October 24**

Preschool Fall Break  
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

**Thursday, October 25**

Preschool Fall Break  
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 26**

Preschool Fall Break  
1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

**Saturday, October 27**

**Sunday, October 28**

9:30 a.m. Worship: *Eyes of faith*  
Guest Preacher: Elizabeth Struble  
Scripture: Mark 10:46-52  
Ecclesia Choir  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
10:45 a.m. Christian Education  
7:00 p.m. AI-Anon - Room 213  
7:00 p.m. Narthex in use

**Jubilee Class**

**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

**Koinonia Class**

Please join the Koinonia class in **October & November** for  
*Justice in the New Testament* with Ron Petry

**October 28** ~ Reaping God's Justice  
**November 4** ~ Parables of the Unforgiving Servant  
**November 11** ~ Jesus Criticizes Unjust Leaders  
**November 18** ~ The Widow and the Unjust Judge  
**November 25** ~ Entering God's Kingdom & Parables of the Great Dinner

**Questers Class**

**October 28** ~ Paul video (John Dominic Crossan)  
**November 4** ~ *Prison Ministry* with Rachel Gross  
**November 11** ~ Nonviolence: Individual/Local with Bob Gross

**Executive Board Summary**

The Executive Board met **October 17** on the heels of the Congregational Council Meeting October 14 and two council meetings in September to call Seth Hendricks as Associate Pastor of Youth Ministry and Congregational Life.

Jan Fahs provided a financial report that shows a cash reserve ratio of 3.29, indicating that the congregation has enough cash to operate for 3.29 months without any additional contribution. The goal of Stewards Commission is to keep that number above 3 months.

Jan Fahs reported on her work to craft a proposal for a church administrator position that combines a variety of non-pastoral duties, such as accounting, payroll, project management, maintenance oversight, vendor contracts, and insurance, among other things, into a part-time position.

While the congregation approved a budget line for the position, official action on a proposal by the board and the council is still some months away.

The board heard a brief update on Property Commission's investigation of solar technology for the church. Members of the commission have been gathering information from vendors and will use findings to create a proposal for consideration by the executive board and the congregation. Property is also tracking savings in energy bills following upgrades to the church's geothermal system. In the month of September 2018, the bill was \$800 less than the bill for September 2017.



**Sr High:**

**Sunday, October 28** ~ Worship / no official Sunday School but check in together in the Youth Room.

**Sunday, November 4** ~ Worship/ Junior High Sunday

**Jr High:**

**Friday, November 2** ~ Meet at Dave Sollenberger's house at 211 Grandview Court for a Jr High Sunday practice/run-through, followed by game night!

**Sunday, November 4** ~ **8:30AM** ~ Practice one more time in the sanctuary

**Friday, Nov 9** ~ **6:30** Maybe a game night? Starting at the church...hosted by the Lahman family

Stay tuned for more information!

### Church Council Held October 14

The Manchester Church of the Brethren held its Fall Council Meeting on **Sunday, October 14**. In addition to the various reports on church activities, action was taken on two agenda items: the election of church leadership for 2019 and the 2019 operating budget.

Leaders elected were:

Assistant Moderator: Joel Eichenauer  
Stewardship Commission Chair: Bonnie Shenefield  
PMPC Chair: Lila Hammer  
Annual Conference Delegates:  
Carol Baker & Katherine Haff  
Alternates: 1. Helen Beery  
2. Megan Sarber  
District Conference Delegates:  
Doris Carpenter & Jim Brumbaugh-Smith  
Alternates: 1. Peg Bell (Wieland)  
2. Marie Willoughby  
Nominating Committee:  
Jeannie Trachsel & Anita Sautter

The budget for 2019 will be \$674,134. This figure is the same as our 2018 budget. Also, Jan Fahs, church treasurer, shared information regarding our current financial picture.

Delegates to the Fall District Council Meeting reported on the District's activities over the past year. They announced a gathering of area Brethren churches designed to explore a denominational emphasis called "Compelling Vision." Comparable gatherings are being held across the denomination to help the wider church discern ministry directions for the future.

Our area gatherings will be held at:

**Saturday, November 10 ~ 3:00-5:00 Anderson CoB**

**Sunday, November 11 ~ 2:00 - 4:00 Timbercrest**

The Council recognized the solid leadership of our various commissions and the Executive Board as well as the faithful leadership of our pastors, Kurt Borgmann and Karen Eberly.



### Childcare during Worship

Please consider signing up in the Narthex to help with childcare during worship. We are looking for volunteers for the months of **November, December, and January**.

Let our children and their parents know you care!

### Celebrate the True Meaning of Christmas Heifer International's 31st Living Gift Market!

The 31st annual Living Gift Market for Heifer International will be held on **Saturday, November 10**, from **10:00 AM - 2:00 PM** at **Timbercrest**.

In areas of the world where social relationships shape access to resources, the ability for women to be active contributors to society must be encouraged. Our projects bring men and women together in self-help groups to build financial planning, literacy, leadership and other skills. These groups also provide a safe place for women to discover their strengths, allowing them to add value to the decision-making process at home and in the community. Our projects seek to increase women's participation in decision-making at the household and community levels, as well as their access to income and assets and leadership roles by:

- ◆ **FORMING WOMEN'S SELF-HELP GROUPS.** We encourage the social and economic empowerment of women farmers by providing access to productive resources and services, markets, marketing support and skills for managing the value chain for their products.
- ◆ **DESIGNING PROJECTS WITH WOMEN IN MIND.** By focusing on resources that specifically address the needs of women, we strengthen their access to nutrition and assets. When starting a project, we carefully consider issues like access to land, labor, capital, natural resources, education, on-farm and off-farm employment and informal networks.
- ◆ **PROMOTING GENDER EQUITY.** We educate both male and female community members on gender equity and justice. Our values-based approach allows room for discussions about gender that lead to a more inclusive community.

The Living Gift Market has raised over \$530,000 in North Manchester since 1987.

For more information contact Jim Myer at 982-6343 or [jmyerwdw@yahoo.com](mailto:jmyerwdw@yahoo.com).

### Last Call for Puerto Rico BDM Offering

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 our fall quarterly offering!

Envelopes are available at the church office.

Make your check out to MCoB.



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

### **Shepherd's Center Fall Programs**

**October 24 ~ 9:30 ~ Town Life Center**

- ♦ CURRENT EVENTS/National ~ Leonard Williams, MU Political Science Professor
- ♦ AiL ~ Marilyn Custer Mitchell ~ "New Services at a New Hospital"

**Check out our newsletter at:** <http://nmshepherd.com>  
Consider joining MSC. Dues are \$8 yearly.

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### **EvenSong**

**Wednesday, October 24 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel**  
led by Carol Streater, Soprano  
with Alan Chambers as Accompanist  
"Music and Faith"

Questions? Call Liz Hoffman Bauer, 260-306-1690  
Everyone is Welcome!



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### **Flapjacks & Flannel Fundraiser**

**Saturday, Nov3 ~ 7-11:00 ~ MCoB**

All you can eat  
pancakes, sausage, & eggs  
\$6 adults / \$4 children 4-12  
Children 3 & under Free

Funds raised go towards those who are battling cancer...  
Meggan Planck & Gage Reed

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## ***Within our District ...***

### **Next BLI Class...Biblical Interpretation**

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

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### **Compelling Vision Process**

Our denomination is in the middle of some important discussion. Learn more at the Church of the Brethren website: <http://www.brethren.org/ac/compelling-vision.html>  
& I encourage 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**

Carol Spicher Waggy

## ***Camp Mack Corner***



### ***Upcoming Get-a-Way Days:***

**October 27 ~ Pumpkin Carving**  
**October 27 ~ Children's Drum Building**  
**November 10 ~ Sandhill Cranes Trip**

Check the flyers on the tower in the Vestibule for more information or you can go to the camp's website:

[www.campmack.org/get-a-way-days](http://www.campmack.org/get-a-way-days)  
or email the camp [info@campmack.org](mailto:info@campmack.org)

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### **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](mailto:kindy@cpt.org) or call 260-982-2971.

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