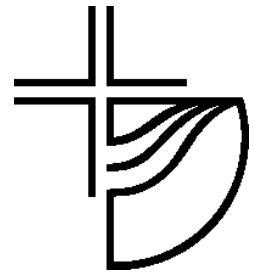


Manchester Church of the Brethren



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Week of October 22, 2017
Peacefully, Simply, Together

Prayer Concerns

We hold in our thoughts and close to our hearts all the joys and concerns from this past week. Sharing our sorrows and our joys with each other is a significant way to make deeper connections within our congregation even as we show our care and compassion to others in the wider world. Please keep these thoughts with you as we move into 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. They include: **Francis Barr, John Hamer** and **Miriam Rusher**.
- ◆ We pray for **Jean Stone** recovering in Timbercrest Healthcare following a recent hospitalization.
- ◆ We pray for **Barry Bucher** who is continuing his recovery from surgery at home.

May each of them feel the support and care of our gathered prayers and the comforting presence of God's abiding love throughout their lives.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for Emmanuel's leadership team that is planning the celebration of our ministries together. They are developing an Ecumenical Conference on Saturday, November 18th and a special worship recognition for our two congregations on Sunday, November 19th. **Julie Garber, Bev & Joel Eikenberry** and **David Rogers** will represent our congregation that weekend in El Salvador. May the Julie, Bev, Joel and David travel safely and share our prayers of support to the members of Emmanuel's congregation.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District as we offer prayers for the **Roann Church of the Brethren** as they re-start their congregation. May they find clarity in the future vision they seek. We also pray for the **Northern Indiana District** and their District Executive, **Torin Eikler**.
- ◆ Leaders from the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria

request our prayers for **EYN** members who were injured in a car accident last weekend. May God embrace the injured with strength and healing. There is also ongoing instability in northeast Nigeria as Boko Haram militants continue attacks on many communities which have caused aid workers to flee the area. We offer prayers for an end to the region's violence, that Nigerians can live without fear and for a peace that lasts.

- ◆ We pray that God may surround the city of Mogadishu with comfort and solace after a truck bombing that has taken at least 320 lives and injured hundreds more. The scope of the disaster was exacerbated when the explosion ignited a nearby fuel tanker. The explosion in the capital city's main thoroughfare also demolished numerous buildings. Al-Shabaab, a Somali-based affiliate of al-Qaeda, has claimed responsibility for the attack, which is the worst that Somalia has seen in decades of violence from the militant group. We offer prayers for those who suffer the intense pain of grief, loss, or injury and for peace in a country plagued by violence for so long.
- ◆ We pray for the leaders of our country and for peace around the 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.
The church is open at 9:30 for walkers in the FLC

Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 23

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Tuesday, October 24

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool

9:30 a.m. Nursery in use

Tuesday, October 24 Continued...

- 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 25

- Peace Patch Preschool - Fall Break
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Witness Commission - Room 213

Thursday, October 26

- Peace Patch Preschool - Fall Break
- 12:00 p.m. Nursery in use
- 6:30 p.m. Taizé Choir - Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Sanctuary

Friday, October 27

- Peace Patch Preschool - Fall Break
- 9:00 a.m. Church Women United - Timbercrest Assembly Room
- 9:30 a.m. Nursery in use
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Saturday, October 28

- 11:00 a.m. Yoga - Room 211
- TBD Youth Musical Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday, October 29 Commitment Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *RSVP*, Pastor Kurt
Text: Matthew 22:1-14
Ecclesia and Bell Choirs
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 10:45 a.m. Melodia Choir
- 10:45 a.m. Youth Musical Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Main View Lunch to benefit
One World Handcrafts, Inc.
- 2:00 p.m. John & Esther Hamer's 65th Anniversary
Open House - TC Assembly Room
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

All Things Considered Class

October 29 ~ *Experiencing Florida during Hurricane Maria* led by Paul & Kathy Fry-Miller

Koinonia Class

October 29 ~ *Job* with Bob Bowman
November 5 ~ *What Really Defiles* with Ron Petry

Questers' Class

November 5, 12 ~ *What is Life: A Cosmological Perspective - Genesis 201* with Wilbur McFadden

Directory Updates

Laura Stone
505 N. Union St.
Warsaw, IN 46580

Art & Ellen Gilbert have moved into the manor
PO Box 501, Timbercrest
North Manchester, IN 46962

Tyrese Taylor
4165 Bay Street Apt. 204
Fremont, California 94538

Tyrese's assignment for BVS is serving as a monitor in the Abode homeless shelter. If people want to send care packages, he loves anything with peanut butter; chocolate, inspirational books, and anything else that lets him know we are thinking about him.

Thank you!

I appreciate all the ways that caring was expressed for me during my hospital stay and recovery at home.
Many thanks! Bev Petry

Lost n' Found

If you misplaced your stethoscope please call the church office. It was found in the Women's Restroom in the Family Life Center.

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 **November, December, and January**. Stop by after worship and see where you can volunteer your time and talents.

Anniversary Celebration for John & Esther

Sunday, October 29 ~ 2-4:00pm ~ TC Assembly Room

You are invited to celebrate our 65th Anniversary

There will be a short program at 3:00 p.m.

No gifts, please

Your presence, notes, or prayers are gift enough.

John & Esther Hamer

ALERT! Time Changes November 5

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night, **November 4** so you can be on time for church Sunday morning!

Stewardship Commitment IS THIS SUNDAY!

If you did not receive a letter in the mail this past week with the budget for 2018 along with a letter of explanation and a commitment card, please let the church office know or pick one up in the Narthex before church. This Sunday there will be a time during worship when you will be invited to turn in your card. If you are unable to attend church Sunday you may mail it or drop it off at the church office.

Save the Date!

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



Busy...Busy...Busy!!

Who is my neighbor?

On **Sunday, Nov.5** the Jr. High Youth invite you to support our **Fellowship of Churches Food Pantry** with specific items. The scripture and theme for the morning is "Who is my neighbor?" and the youth think this is a good theme for supporting the pantry. Items will be offered during the service and then packed up and delivered to the local pantry.

During worship the items will be gathered and become part of the worship center **so we ask that you bring them with you to the sanctuary (instead of placing them in the pie safe in the vestibule).**

All items are welcome and the pantry has sent us specific items that are either difficult to get from the government or are always in low supply.

They include:

- Paper Towels
- Liquid dish soap
- Liquid laundry soap
- Disposable diapers
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Baked Beans
- Applesauce
- Canned Potatoes
- Toothpaste

Thank you for your support of this community ministry.

Youth Update Continued...

Nov. 17,18 ~ Youth Musical; In the Beginning

More rehearsals...

Saturday, October 28, TBA

Sunday, October 29, 10:45 am

Saturday, November 4, TBA

Next Coffeehouse

Nov. 12 ~ Solar Energy with John Hartsough ~ Chapel

Within our Community...



Malachy Kilbride, executive director of the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, will visit Manchester University for a discussion about efforts to promote the **Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Bill (H.R.1947).**

This bill directs the Department of the Treasury to establish a fund for the deposit of taxes paid by or on behalf of taxpayers who establish a position of conscientious objection to war. These funds would be allocated annually to non-military purposes.

The meeting will be **Wednesday, October 25, at 2 pm**, in **Academic Center 241 (ACEN 241).**

For more information, contact Katy Gray Brown at klgraybrown@manchester.edu or [260-982-4315](tel:260-982-4315).

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.

Ft Wayne Ballet :
Traditions, Tributes, & Tambourines

October 26 ~ 7:30 pm ~ Cordier Auditorium at MU
Featuring, "Confetti", "Lacrymosa",
and selections from *The Nutcracker*.



EvenSong

Wednesday, October 25 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel

Led by Carol Streater with Alan Chambers
"Religious Contemplations"

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

Timbercrest Seniors for Peace Program

Thursday, October 26, ~ 10 a.m.~ TC Chapel

Michael Spath will discuss how the earliest humans can help us learn to live in community today.

Movies at Timbercrest

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

◆ **Friday, October 27 - Lion**

Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

Shepherd's Center Programs

October 25 ~ 9:00 am ~ Town Life Center

Current Events - Leonard Williams, MU Political Science Professor

AiL - Janet French - Director of MELC - "The New Manchester Early Learning Center"

You are Invited!

The Annual Dinner of the Manchester Shepherd's Center

Wed., November 1 ~ 6:00 pm ~ TC Assembly Room

\$14 per person or \$8 for those on the TC Meal plan
"Falling into Music"

A Concert presented by The Manchester Jazz Combo

Church Women United

**2017 World Community Day
Kindling New Fires for Peace**

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

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.

Main View Benefit Meal for One World Handcrafts

On **Sunday, October 29th, from 11am-1pm**, Main View will be offering a benefit luncheon meal for One World Handcrafts, Inc. The meal will be Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, and Green Beans **OR** a Fiesta Salad *with* or *without* chicken. Drink and a roll come with the meal.

Adult price is \$7; child under 12 & half-portion seniors, \$5; piece of pie \$2.

Please support One World by joining us for a great meal at a reasonable price and leave your One World server a tip as a further donation for the mission. For those of you who cannot attend the meal, we will gladly accept donations!
Thanks so much!

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, bee 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 ~ All Day ~ FLC / Narthex

Within our Denomination and the World...

Friends,

Please note the needs in Texas for cleanup and in Florida for skilled roofers.

Remember we need volunteers from S/C Indiana District for **weeks of Nov 12 and Dec 3** this year and **Jan 21, Mar 11, Sep 9 and Nov 25** for next year. Call me soon if you are interested in the first two dates.

Cliff at [260-982-2971](tel:260-982-2971)

Thanks! Cliff

Camp Mack Corner



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4: Volunteer Banquet

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 Day

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

www.campmack.org or 574-658-4831