

Manchester Church of the Brethren

NEWSLETTER

Week of October 28, 2018
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 form connections within our congregation and deepen our relationship with God. In a spirit of compassion prayer and understanding, please keep these spoken prayers with you in the coming days.

Within our faith community:

- ◆ We pray for those people who, for many reasons, either their current physical limitations or their on-going health challenges, aren't able to join us in worship. Those people include: **Alice Frantz, Peggy Gilbert, Evelyn Niswander** and **Joan Deeter**.
- ◆ We pray for **Dorotha Fry-Mason** who is recovering in Healthcare following a recent hospitalization.
- ◆ We pray for **Barb Ober** who had a fall in her room at Timbercrest. Barb cracked two ribs and has moved to Healthcare for a time of healing and recovery.

May each of these people know the depth of our care and the abundance of God's love in their lives.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We offer prayers for the chosen leaders of the Bible School that will take place in early November. The leaders and the Bible School program will serve 10-12 communities of elementary age children. This is a specific ministry that we support.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Roann Church of the Brethren**. Even though the Roann congregation is not currently meeting, we pray that God will reveal what God has in store for this dedicated group of people who follow Jesus. We also pray for the **Pacific Northwest District** and their District Executive, Colleen Michael.
- ◆ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria**,

EYN, as they establish new congregations in the face of rebuilding and coping with the wake of violence over the past several years.

- ◆ We pray for compassion and peace in our hearts, our country and around the world.

Pastor on Call: Kurt Borgmann

Home: 901-6110 Cell: 901-1851

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 29

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

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

Tuesday, October 30

9:30 a.m. 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

2:00 p.m. Historical Committee - Library

5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, October 31

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

4:00 p.m. Website Meeting - Library

7:00 p.m. Witness Commission - Room 213

Thursday, November 1

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 4:00 p.m. FLC in use until 6:30
- 6:30 p.m. Taizé Choir - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Stewards Commission - Staff Room
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

Friday, November 2

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
- 3:00 p.m. FLC / Kitchen in use until noon Saturday - Cancer Fundraiser - Bowers

Saturday, November 3

- 6:00 a.m. Kitchen / FLC / Narthex in use until noon - Cancer Fundraiser - Bowers
- 7:00 a.m. Flapjacks & Flannel Breakfast Fundraiser until 11:00 am

Sunday, November 4 National Junior High Sunday!

Blood Pressure Check

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *Abundant Life in Jesus*;
Junior High Class
New Mentor Recognition
Ecclesia Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
Melodia Choir Practice
- 12:00 p.m. Building in use until 4:00 - Eberly
- 5:00 p.m. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner until 7:00
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213
- 7:00 p.m. Narthex in use

All Things Considered

November 4 ~ Michael Himlie, who is with Christian Peacemakers Team

Jubilee Class

- 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 **November** for *Justice in the New Testament* with Ron Petry

- 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

- November 4** ~ *Prison Ministry* with Rachel Gross
- November 11** ~ Nonviolence: Individual /Local with Bob Gross
- November 18** ~ Nonviolence: Beyond Ourselves with Bob Gross
- November 25** ~ Solar Energy & Our Church with John Hartsough

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.

Stewardship Letters

Your letter will be mailed to you this week. With the letter, you will also receive the budget for 2019 and a commitment card. Notice the change regarding offering envelopes for next year. If you have not previously had envelopes or been given a number to attach your offerings to so you can receive a quarterly giving statement, please contact the church office.



Sr High:

Sunday, November 4 ~ Support our Junior High as they lead us in worship.

Sunday, November 11 ~ Noon Lunch at Osborne's

Sunday, November 18 ~ 6:30-8:30 ~ Meaningful Movie Night ~ watching "5 Broken Cameras".



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!

Childcare during Worship

Last Sunday three adults and teens took care of 4 children in the nursery during worship. The children love being read to and they like help with Play Dough...and they play well together, too. We hope you'll take a turn at being one of the grown-up people in the nursery soon.

There are openings through November and beyond. Please sign up to help at the round table near the name tags. You'll enjoy meeting the littlest members of our church family.



Loren Finnell

Word has been received of the death of Loren Finnell. He died peacefully Sunday October 21 at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx. Loren was the founder of The Resource Foundation in New York City, a non-profit organization dedicated in helping projects in overseas countries. Currently it works in 29 countries reaching nearly three million needy persons each year. Loren was active in the Manchester Church of the Brethren as a youth and student at Manchester College when I was Director of Christian Education. We reconnected in recent years and enjoyed an email correspondence. A copy of his memoir, *Still A Country Boy*, is in our church library. Loren's wife, Pilar, asked me to let the Manchester COB know of Loren's death.

Ruth Bowman



Daylight Savings Time Ends...Fall Back!

Just a reminder to turn back your clock **Saturday night** before you go to bed or you will be an hour early for church Sunday!

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 Trchsel & 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.

Council Meeting Packets

Council packets are available for you at the church office if you missed the meeting and would like to keep up-to-date with church business.



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.

PVC Pipes...Missing in Action!

A stack of pvc pipes along with connectors and accessories in the area between the Choir Room and the Worship Décor Room are missing. If you saw them walk away, please let the church office know. I have no idea what they are used for, but we'd love to have them back!



Soccer is Back!

Friday night Soccer begins again **Friday, November 9** at **7:00** in the **FLC**. Please sign the waiver on the bulletin board by the outside door if you plan to play (you only need to sign once each season).

Check the calendar (under events) on our website for future playing dates.

Contact Jeff Hunn with questions or for more information: jeff.hun@hotmail.com

Within our Community...

Manchester University Celebrates Day of the Dead

MU will explore the often ignored and taboo topic of death.

Tuesday, October 29 ~ 7:00-8:30pm ~ Switzer Center
"Sweet Life and Other Dying Matters" Panel Discussion

Thursday, November 1 ~ 9:30am ~ Funderburg Library

Day of the Dead ~ Assoc. Professor Arturo Yañez will speak about the meaning and significance of this important Mexican holiday

Displays available throughout the week at the MU library.

Check the poster on the office window for more information on the events scheduled.

Shepherd's Center Fall Programs

October 31 ~ 9:30 ~ Town Life Center

- ◆ CURRENT EVENTS/Economics ~ Matt Hendrix, MU Economics Professor, Retired
- ◆ *AiL* ~ Bill Leonard ~ "The Floral Industry, Start to Finish"

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

EvenSong

Wednesday, October 31 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel
First Brethren Bells led by Linda Wamer

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



Flapjacks & Flannel Fundraiser

Saturday, Nov 3 ~ 7-11:00 ~ MCoB

All you can eat pancakes along with sausage, & eggs

\$6 adults / \$4 children 4-12

Children 3 & under Free

Carry outs are available

Bounce House ~ Silent Auction

Face Painting ~ Balloon Animals

Tickets are available at the church office & at the door

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

Movies at Timbercrest

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

- ◆ **Friday, November 16 ~ *An Inconvenient Sequel : Truth to Power***
- ◆ **Thanksgiving, November 22 ~ *5 Flights Up***



Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

Manchester Main Street Updates

- ◆ **Town Leaf Pick-up has begun...**two trips through town before Thanksgiving and one following!
- ◆ **The Great Pumpkin Hunt ~ Tuesday, October 30 ~ Town Life Center ~ Free ~ Bring your flashlight!**
6:30 is the Coloring Contest
7:00 is the Costume Contest
7:15 is the Hunt for candy & prize filled eggs!
- ◆ **Help Light up the Town...**it's not too late...contact the chamber office at 982-7644
- ◆ **Holiday Gala ~ December 1 ~ 5:30 ~ MU**
Tickets are on sale NOW! Go to:
<http://www.manchestermainstreet.org/holiday-gala.html>

Camp Mack Corner

Upcoming Get-a-Way Days:

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

or email the camp info@campmack.org



Within our District ...

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

Sunday, November 11 ~ 2:00-4:00 ~ TC

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.

Kingdom Building: An Evangelism Conference

Greenville CoB ~ Moderator Elect Paul Munday

November 9: 3-6pm ~ *The Person I Must Become*
7-9pm ~ *Announcing the Reign of God*

November 10: 9am-12 ~ *One Size Doesn't Fit All*
1-3pm ~ *If Jesus be Lifted Up*

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www.greenvillecob.weebly for Registration & Information

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