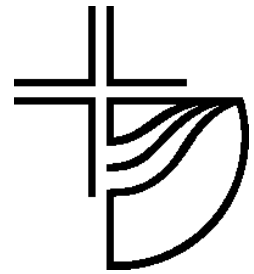


# Manchester Church of the Brethren

## MEMO

Week of October 29, 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 these with each other is a significant way to make deeper connections within our congregation and to testify to our trust in God, 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 celebrate with **Stan & Sharon Pittman** the marriage of their daughter, **Kristen**, to Michael Ebert. Kristin and Michael were married Saturday, October 28th, in Ohio.
- ◆ We celebrated **John & Esther Hamer's** 65th wedding anniversary at their Open House Sunday, October 29th.
- ◆ We pray for those people who aren't able to join us in worship due to their on-going health or physical limitations including: **Alice Frantz, Doris Snell, and Evelyn Niswander.**
- ◆ We pray for **Jean Wolf** hospitalized at Parkview Regional Medical Center following a heart procedure.

May each of these people feel the assurance of God's presence and love throughout their lives.

### *In the wider community:*

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist.** We pray for Emmanuel's Bible School leaders and students. We pray for the leaders as they prepare materials and recruit class members at different mission communities. Bible School classes are scheduled for November.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to pray for the **Rossville Church of the Brethren**, who ask for prayer that they continue to faithfully serve Christ. We also pray for the **Churches of the Brethren in Michigan** and for Wanda Joseph, the chair of the District Leadership Team.
- ◆ We pray prayers of wisdom and courage for **Esther**

**Usman** as she continues the transition from her captivity into this new stage of her life (as a young woman in Nigeria). We also pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, as they work at rebuilding 20 churches throughout Nigeria.

- ◆ We pray for the **Puerto Rico Brethren** who, following the recent hurricane, continue to join together to support each other and to reach out to their communities with offers of help and assistance.
- ◆ We pray for our elected leaders. May they have integrity as they make decisions for the future of our country.
- ◆ We pray for peace around the world.

### Pastor On-Call: Kurt Borgmann

Home: 901-6110; Cell: 901-1851

### 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 30

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC  
6:30 p.m. Worship Center Décor - Room 213

#### Tuesday, October 31

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool  
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
Women's Bible Study will not meet  
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC  
3:00 p.m. Historical Committee - Library  
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary  
7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

#### Wednesday, November 1

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

### Thursday, November 2

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
- 6:30 p.m. Taizé Choir - Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Sanctuary

### Friday, November 3

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

### Saturday, November 4

- 10:00 a.m. Youth Musical Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Interment - Memorial Garden
- 11:00 a.m. Yoga - Room 211
- 1:00 p.m. Sanctuary in use until 5:00 p.m.

**Set your Clocks Back before you go to bed!**

### Sunday, November 5 Jr High Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: *And who is my neighbor?*  
Text: Luke 10:25-37  
Jr High Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 10:45 a.m. Peace Patch Gathering
- 12:30 p.m. Building in use - Eberly
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

### Koinonia Class

**November 5** ~ *What Really Defiles* with Ron Petry

**November 12** ~ The Importance of Belief  
with Dean Kagarise

### Questers' Class

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

### Angel Tree

Angel Tree applications are available in the church office. Applications must be received **no later than Friday, November 17**. They can either be dropped off at the office or at the Manchester Jr-Sr High School.

December 3 ~ Angel Tree tags will be available to pick up on the Angel Tree table in the Narthex.

December 10 or 17 ~ Please bring your gifts!

### **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!



**Busy...Busy...Busy!!**

### Who is my neighbor? National Jr High Sunday!

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.

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

Upcoming rehearsals...

Saturday, November 4, 10:00 am

Wednesday, November 8, 6:00 pm

Thursday, November 9, 6:00 pm

Saturday, November 11, 10:00-3 (lunch)

Sunday, November 12, stage set up after worship / lunch / rehearsal...

### **Silent Auction...it's time to start planning!**

What do you get when you combine delicious desserts with gourmet specialty foods and expert shared talents with unique items of beholder value? If you guessed the biennial Youth Silent Auction, then congratulations!

It is with great excitement that our congregation anticipates sending our senior high youth to National Youth Conference in Colorado this coming July. In preparation for and to help offset some of the cost to attend, our congregation raises funds to help with expenses. It's time to brainstorm how you can participate in the infamous Youth Silent Auction. So look through your recipe box, attic, and

closets. What can you offer to bake, make, or donate? Think about what services you can provide or skills you can donate.

Then in January we will collect items and fill out information sheets for our February auction. Stay tuned for additional details.

Questions? Please contact Brian Kruschwitz, Jeff Osborne, Jeff Lehman, or Joel Eichenauer.

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**CROP Walk Report**

| <u>Congregation</u>      | <u>Walkers</u> | <u>Total Donations</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Eel River CoB            | 12             | \$955.00               |
| Liberty Mills CoB        | 6              | \$387.00               |
| MCoB                     | 18             | \$3,180.00             |
| Congregational Christian | 3              | \$151.00               |
| South Pleasant UMC       | 4              | \$100.00               |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>43</b>      | <b>\$4,473.00</b>      |

Thank you for another successful walk!  
We appreciate your continued support.

**Stand Your Grounds!**

To all of those who diligently brew our coffee for Fellowship Time; PLEASE make certain you throw away the used grounds before you leave the kitchen Sunday morning. Or...if you are so inclined, repurpose the grounds to enrich the soil in your garden! *Thank you!*

**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.

**Updates on Immigration**

The current President of the United States has placed the future of immigration policy on the agenda of Congress. It is extremely important that our legislators hear from us, now and repeatedly, to act on immigration issues. I think one comprehensive immigration policy will never be legislated by Congress in the near future so we must focus on each of the small steps which will affect immigrant workers and their families in the next four months. The results of legislative action will have an affect, either positive or negative, on many families in our local community. Let's work towards positive results by informing our sena-

tors and representative of the importance of making into law the following Congressional Bills.

- ◆ Senate Bill (S) 1615 and House Bill (HR) 3440 are identical bills. Both have been introduced in their respective chambers and have been sent to committees. They are commonly referred to as The Dream Act of 2017 and would essentially reinstate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy which President Obama issued as an Executive Order. This legislation is needed for many young people in the United States including a number of local young people.
- ◆ Senate Bill (S) 1034 is an attempt to create a method which recognizes the long term employment of immigrant agricultural workers in the United States. Currently, there is no U.S. Visa which represents this class of workers which has led to from 50% to 70% of agricultural workers being undocumented. This bill is known as The Agricultural Worker Program Act of 2017 and would provide for a "blue" card of employment for the long term undocumented workers in agriculture.
- ◆ Rep. Goodlatte of Virginia and the Chair of House Judiciary Committee proposed the Agricultural Guestworkers Act which would change the visa situation for agricultural workers from the other H2 visas. This visa would be for long-term workers and proposes an H-2C visa. This past Wednesday, October 25, it received bill number, H.R. 4092. This bill as with the others have been introduced and sent to committee.

Our role can be to persistently contact our Senators and Representative to inform them that these bills need immediate attention in committee and brought to the respective chambers for legislative action. Ask them to support these bills.

Accurate information about these bills can be found by "googling" the bill numbers and choosing the [www.congress.gov/bill](http://www.congress.gov/bill) link which will appear.

Information provided by John Hartsough

**A New Era in Solar Energy & the Possibilities  
for our church!**

**November 12 ~ 6:30 pm ~ Chapel  
Sponsored by the Witness Commission**

This meeting is for all people interested in alternative energy, wanting to learn of the current situation and future of Photovoltaic (solar) Electrical Production, and its potential application at our church.

We will first watch a presentation made in August of 2017 to the Jefferson County Chapter of the Colorado Renewable Energy Society entitled *A New Era for Solar* by Sarah Kurtz, sister to Rachel Gross. Dr. Kurtz was a Research Fellow with the National Center for Photovoltaics (NCPV) and a Principal Scientist at the National Renewa-

ble Energy Laboratory located in Golden, Colorado (NREL). She is a world-renowned expert in the fields of multifunction PV, concentrator PV, and PV reliability. Dr. Kurtz is currently a professor at the University of California-Merced.

Following the film we will hear from several people who have direct experience with PV electrical production.

Finally, we will introduce the possibility of our church producing PV electricity to provide power, in particular to our ground source (geothermal) climate control system. Adding PV electrical production to our current climate control system would be an exemplary melding of technologies compatible with the principle of conservation of natural resources, and the reduction of the effects of burning fossil fuels. Information provided by John Hartsough

### 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

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

#### EvenSong

#### **Wednesday, November 1 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel**

"Led Brethren"

will be guiding our EvenSong Meditation

Led Brethren are Greg Clark, David Sollenberger & Paul Fry-Miller

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

#### Shepherd's Center Programs

#### **November 1 ~ 9:00 am ~ Town Life Center**

**Current Events** - Christer Watson, MU Professor of Physics - "Climate Change and the Paris Accords: A Political Perspective

**AiL** - Kim Ebersole & David Doudt - "Our Celtic Spirituality Pilgrimage in Ireland"

#### **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

#### Movies at Timbercrest

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

- ◆ **Friday, November 3** - *Rabbit-Proof Fence*
  - ◆ **Friday, November 17** - *The Founder*
  - ◆ **Friday, November 23** - *The Miracle Maker*
- Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

#### Of Mice and Men

Manchester Jr-Sr High School Theatre will present their fall play at the Firehouse Black Box Theatre directed by Marilyn Mason, assisted by Jennifer Reichenbach. Cheryl Working and Steve Johnson created the set. Ben and Sam Reichenbach are in the cast.

**Friday, Nov. 3 ~ 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, Nov. 4 ~ 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, Nov. 5 ~ 2:00 pm**

Cost is \$5 for students; \$10 for adults

Come and see Steinbeck's classic story of two migrant workers in the 1930s brought to the stage!

#### A Great Opportunity

#### **November 4 ~ 6:30pm ~ TC Assembly Room**

Meet and talk with Annual Conference Moderator Samuel Sarpiya. He will be talking some on "Peace as a First Response". Everyone is welcome!

Brother Samuel will be preaching at the Eel River Community Church of the Brethren Sunday, November 5.

#### Friends of the Library Sale

#### **November 3 & 4 ~ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm ~ Public Library**

- ◆ Gently-used book, c.d., d.v.d, & audio book sale
- ◆ Ongoing Quilt Raffle; Tickets \$5 or 5 for \$20
- ◆ Winners for raffle drawn November 4 at 5:00  
982-4773 or nman.lib.in.us

#### 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.

**Light Up the Town Holiday Gala...Save the Date!**

**Saturday, December 2 ~ Tickets on Sale NOW!**

**Early Bird Pricing Ends November 6**

[www.manchestermainstreet.org](http://www.manchestermainstreet.org)

**Rotary Pancake Day**

**Tuesday, November 7 ~ 6:00am-1pm ~ Scout Hall**

\$7 adults ~ \$4 children ~ under 5 free

Carry out available

Proceeds benefit community projects

**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, bees 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](mailto:jmyerwdw@yahoo.com).

**Annual Laketon Lions Club Bazaar**

**Saturday, November 11 ~ All Day ~ FLC / Narthex**

***Within our Denomination and the World...***

**Camp Mack Corner**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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 Days

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

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