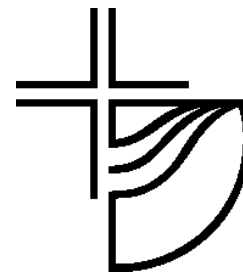


Manchester Church of the Brethren

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Week of September 18, 2017
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 create the bonds between us and deepen our faith. In a spirit of compassionate prayer and understanding, please keep these spoken concerns with you in the coming days.

Within our faith community:

- ◆ We pray for those who aren't able to join us in worship due to their on-going health or physical limitations including: **Raymond Johnson, Joann Hoover and Doris Miller**. May they each know the full-ness of God's abiding love.
- ◆ We pray for **Eloise Eberly** recovering from a recent hospitalization. May Eloise have a sense of God's healing and wholeness in the coming days
- ◆ We pray for **Joan Deeter** who has returned to Crestwood following her recent hospitalization. May Joan know the assurance of God's care in her life.
- ◆ We pray for **Jean Renschler** who has returned to Timbercrest Healthcare following a recent hospitalization. Jean is receiving hospice care. We pray that Jean might be embraced by God's love.
- ◆ We pray for **Virginia Manges** recovering at home following an out-patient back procedure. May Virginia know the fullness of God's abundant care.
- ◆ We pray for **Don Beckner** hospitalized at Parkview Regional Medical Center. May Don know the healing of God's comfort and care
- ◆ We pray for **Carole Baker** on the death of her brother, Robert Hartle. The funeral service was Saturday in Huntington. May Carole and her family be surrounded by the assurance of God's abiding presence.

◆ *In the wider community:*

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for the leaders and the students in the Culture of Peace program that continues

in Emmanuel's school and also in some area schools.

- ◆ This morning we join others churches in our District to pray for the **Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren**. They request prayers that they might see the mission that God has for them. We also pray for the **West Marva District** and their district Executive, Kendal Elmore.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman** that she might have a sense of God's wholeness and peace in her daily life. We pray also for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**, as they continue to witness to Christ's message of reconciliation and hope.
- ◆ We pray for the Annual Conference of Iglesia de los Hermanos, the Church of the Brethren in Spain. Approximately 120 people are expected to attend the conference in the city of Gijón. We pray for a renewing of spirits as Brethren gather together for worship and fellowship. May the Holy Spirit's wisdom be present as participants make decisions for the life of the Spanish church.
- ◆ We pray for all those in Texas, Florida and the Caribbean—for those who are injured as well as those who are mourning the deaths of family and friends. May they have a sense of God's presence as they continue to move forward. We also pray for the two additional teams of Children's Disaster Service volunteers who are now in Florida, to join the volunteers who were positioned in the state in advance of Hurricane Irma.
- ◆ We pray for the leaders of our country. May they have a sense of integrity as they make decisions for governing our country.
- ◆ And we offer our prayers for peace around the world, throughout our community and within our hearts

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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.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 18

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
4:00 p.m. Bowen Center Group-FLC/Room 301

Tuesday, September 19

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Room 213
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
4:00 p.m. Bowen Center Group - FLC/Room 301
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Room 220
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, September 20

Historical Society using parking spaces
9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
12:00 p.m. Pastor's Lunch—Timbercrest
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
4:00 p.m. Bowen Center Group - FLC/Room 301
6:15 p.m. Taizé Choir - Chapel

Thursday, September 21

Historical Society using parking spaces
9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
4:00 p.m. Bowen Center Group - FLC/Room 301
6:30 p.m. Taizé Choir—Chapel

Friday, September 22

Historical Society using parking spaces
9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC
1:30 p.m. Timbercrest Transition Team -
Conference Room

Saturday, September 23

9:30 a.m. Timbercrest Transition Team—
Conference Room
11:00 a.m. Yoga - Room 211

Sunday, September 24

9:30 a.m. Worship: *What is Fair?* Pastor Kurt
Text: Matthew 20:1-16
Jr. High Choir & Bell
10:45 a.m. Christian Education

7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

All Things Considered Class

Sept. 24 ~ Bible Study with Bob Bowman

Koinonia Class

Sept. 24 ~ Jesus' Authority
October 1~ Rejection and Mission
Led by Ron Petry

Questers' Class

Sept. 24 ~ Ways We Serve: One World
Presented by Di Wion
October 1~Report from NOAC Led by Ruth Angle

Fellowship of Churches Community Supper

This month our church will provide the FOC community suppers at Zion Lutheran Church. The date is **Sept. 26**. We will need food, servers, and people to set up and clean up. Please contact Judy Myers-Walls if you are available to help. Phone number: 765-714-8590.

Support

Blessings in a Backpack!

The Witness Commission has selected our local **Blessings in a Backpack** as the Quarterly Outreach offering for September.

This program - a leader in the movement to end childhood hunger - strives to ensure children do not go hungry on the weekends by sending them home with a bag of food. It is dependent on donations from individuals, families, churches, and businesses.

In the 2016-17 school year, bags of food were packed weekly for 440 Manchester Elementary and Manchester Intermediate students—preschool through 6th grade.

The cost of the program for an entire school year is \$80 per child. Approximately \$35,000.00 is needed annually for the North Manchester community.

Donations may be dropped off at the church office this week

Peace Pole Delivery!

A huge thank you to Deb and Scott Manges for their long trek to the northern part of Michigan's lower peninsula to pick up 11 Peace Poles ordered by North Manchester residents! We are so appreciative of your willingness to deliver them to us. May Peace Prevail on Earth!

Yoga...connecting with and listening to your body...

Saturdays ~ 11:00 am ~ Room 211

A healing way of connecting with and listening to your body, while building balance, flexibility, and strength. We do a different 25-45 minute "Yoga with Adriene" video routine together (you can look her up on YouTube to get a feel for it).

- ◆ No experience needed
- ◆ All levels welcome - routines can be modified
- ◆ Bring a mat; wear comfortable workout clothes; and bare feet
- ◆ Call or text Laura Stone (413-885-9196) or Kristen (513-319-4778) ahead to confirm that class will meet.

Blessings in a Backpack
Feeding The Future Of America

Help for Hurricane Harvey

In response to people asking what we can and are doing about responding to the disaster created by Hurricane Harvey, here is some information:

- ◆ Children's Disaster Services, which is funded in part by gifts to the Emergency Disaster Fund of the Church of the Brethren is already deploying people in Texas.
- ◆ The Church of the Brethren Emergency Disaster Fund will also be supporting rebuilding efforts through Brethren Disaster Ministries and Church World Service clean-up buckets and other Gift of the Heart kits for hurricane and flood survivors.
- ◆ Here at our church you may write your check to the Manchester Church and mark it Hurricane Harvey relief. We will gather those monies and send them along to the Emergency Disaster Fund. **Envelopes are available in the pews and at the church office.**
- ◆ There will be a table in the narthex staffed by young people in our church collecting donations for Clean-up buckets which they will assemble and send.

Childcare during Worship

Now is the time to sign up for October and November. A member of the Nurture Commission will be next to the name tag table in the Narthex following worship. Thank you for supporting this ministry for our children's care.

Fellowship Under the Stars

Sept 30 - Oct 1 ~ All Church Camp Out ~ Here!

We will begin on the afternoon of Sept. 30 and conclude with worship in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, Oct. 1.

Make plans to come and join in on the fun!

Watch and listen for more details.

This event is being co-sponsored by the Fellowship and Education Commissions.

Crop Walk

Mark your calendar now for the 2017 Wabash County CROP Walk on **October 1**.

- ◆ The walk benefits Church World Service in their efforts to fight hunger worldwide.
- ◆ A portion returns to Wabash County to be used by local food pantries.
- ◆ Walkers will meet at the Firehouse at 2:00 pm for a brief ceremony before the walk begins.
- ◆ If you are not able to walk, you can sponsor a walker or make a direct donation.
- ◆ Information and sign up materials will be available following worship **Sept 24**.

Contact Kay Batdorf at 982-8789 or County Coordinator JP Freeman at 578-0356 for further information.

Our Newest Author

Raymond Johnson is our young friend and member who is on death row in Oklahoma. David and Becky Waas have been writing to Raymond for many years and have become his mentors and beloved friends. A couple of years ago, David suggested to Raymond that he might want to write up some devotionals for newly incarcerated inmates, and Raymond took that idea and ran with it until he has written what we now call a book! It is his own spiritual journey and personal stories about his life and Christian journey. It's his theology as he learned it from his family and church.

We have decided to offer it to any of you who may want to read it. Those of us who write to him can attest that this is his voice and his method of sharing. We are asking for a donation of at least \$6 to cover printing costs. If you choose to donate more, we can offer some free copies to some prison chaplains or others who might find a use for them.

Contact Ruth Ann Angle if you are interested.

Thank you for your support and encouragement of Raymond.

Power, Privilege and the Journey Towards Justice Conference

Jointly sponsored by the Brethren Mennonite Council and On Earth Peace will take place at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, **October 20-22**.

- ◆ Registration is \$125, with housing available in local hotels or with host families in the church.
- ◆ Some registration brochures are available in the church office if you are interested.
- ◆ Registration is also available on-line through the BMC website.
- ◆ Facilitators for the conference are Matt Guynn, director of social change organizing with On Earth Peace

and Regina Shands Stoltzfus, professor at Goshen College.

- ◆ The goals are to “examine how power and privilege affects our individual and corporate lives, analyze how power operates within the church, learn new ways to use power to further nonviolent change, and share experiences of liberation through storytelling, worship and conversation.”
- ◆ The conference will conclude Sunday morning, October 22 with worship at the Bridgewater Church.
- ◆ **Registration is due by October 9.**
- ◆ Please see Kurt Borgmann if you are interested in more information.

Within our Community...

International Day of Prayer for Peace

Thursday, September 21 ~ Timbercrest

8:15 ~ David Rogers will speak in the daily chapel service
10:00 ~ MU Religion Professor Justin Lasser will present: “Why Reading the Bible to Advocate Violence is Problematic”.

3:15 ~ Gathering at the Peace Pole near East Street and Timbercrest Drive for prayers and songs.

The group will then move to other Peace Poles on the Timbercrest Campus for additional prayers and songs.

Everyone is invited. Please come!

Voting isn't over yet!

MELC, **Fellowship of Churches**, and **One World Handcrafts** have been nominated for “Project Spotlight”! Project Spotlight is a charitable giving campaign that allows the community to vote on the local charities they feel deserve financial support. The top 3 charitable organizations that receive the most votes will win \$1000.

Voting takes place until September 30.

Now is your chance to vote!!!

Visit the website at www.beaconcu.org/project-spotlight or stop in at the Beacon Credit Union.

EvenSong

Wednesday, September 20 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel

Led by Linda Immel
“Traveling to India”

Wednesday, September 27 ~ 4:00 p.m.~ TC Chapel

Led by Beth Sollenberger

District Executive for COB SC District

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

Movies at Timbercrest

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

- ◆ **Friday, September 29** - *I Am Not Your Negro*
- ◆ **Friday, October 13** - *Mr. Church*
- ◆ **Friday, October 27** - *Lion*

Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

Birthday Open House

You are invited to attend a Birthday Open House for Evelyn Niswander's 100th birthday on Sunday, October 1, 1-3 p.m. in the Timbercrest Assembly Room. Your presence is your gift. There also will be a donation jar to give to Evelyn's charity of choice. If you are unable to attend, please consider sending a card or letter for Evelyn's memory book.

Shepherd's Center Fall Session Programs

September 20 ~9:00 a.m. ~Town Life Center

- ◆ MEDTALK ~Neil Shama, M.D. Gastroenterologist at Parkview Cancer Institute

September 27~ 9:00 am ~ Town Life Center

- ◆ Current Events - Dr. Leonard Williams, MU professor of Political Science
- ◆ Adventures in Learning - MU Art Professor, Ejenobo (Jena) Oke “Creative Artistry”

Within our Church District...



Camp Mack Corner

October 7 ~ Camp Mack Festival!!

Live Auction ~ Train Rides ~ Great Food

Demonstrations ~ Children's Activities ~ Cake Walk

Hay Rides and MORE!

FREE parking & **FREE** admission

All proceeds Support Camper Scholarships
& Other Camp Projects

October 14-15: Father Son Retreat

October 19-22: Scrapbook Retreat

October 27-29: Build-A-Drum Workshop

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

www.campmack.org or 574-658-4831

And in our World...

DACA Information

After this week's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals announcement, many of us are asking how we can support DACA recipients and fight for fair legislation. The end of DACA impacts our friends and family. We are sad and angry that DACA recipients have to face this uncertainty and fear.

The President's decision allows for a six-month window in which Congress can pass the Dream Act of 2017, which would create a legal path to citizenship for those who qualified for the DACA program. We must use this opportunity to tell Congress how important the Dreamers are to the Church of the Brethren!

- ◆ The first thing you can do is call your Representative and Senators. Tell them that you would like a clean passage of the Dream Act of 2017. Call 866-961-4293. Please call 3 times, so that you can be connected with your Representative and both of your Senators.
- ◆ It is also important that you be vocal about your support for the Dream Act of 2017 on social media, using the hashtag #DreamAct, and including your Senators' and Representative's handles.
- ◆ Please continue to pray for and with DACA recipients as they face this time of uncertainty.

In Christ's peace,
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