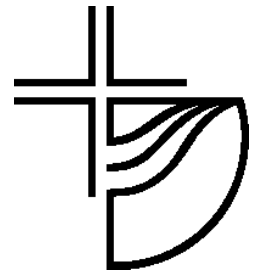


Manchester Church of the Brethren

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Week of September 25, 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 one another within our faith community helps us build relationships and seek a deeper understanding of God's presence in our midst. In a spirit of compassion 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 health and physical limitations including: **Ella Mae Weaver** and **Francis Barr**. May they each know the fullness of God's love in their lives.
- ◆ We pray for **Joan Deeter** recovering in Crestwood following a recent hospitalization. May Joan experience God's loving presence.
- ◆ We pray for **Barry Bucher** who is at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota this week for tests and consultation with the doctors there. May Barry receive clarity in the midst of his health concerns.
- ◆ We pray for **David Sollenberger** who will be having hip replacement surgery on Wednesday, September 27. May David experience God's healing presence.
- ◆ We pray for **Dean Kagarise** as he continues his rehab following heart surgery. May Dean grow stronger each day.
- ◆ We pray for the family of **Jean Renschler**. Jean died late Wednesday evening, September 20. The funeral service was Saturday, September 23. May Jean's family and friends feel God's comforting presence in the coming days.

In the wider community:

- ◆ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Emmanuel Baptist**. We pray for Pastor Miguel and the music and worship leadership who seek to inspire, counsel and challenge Christian growth in discipleship weekly.
- ◆ We join the other churches in our District to offer prayers for the **Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren**. May they continue to witness to God's love in the world through their ministry and their outreach. We

also pray for the **Atlantic Northeast District** and their Interim District Executive, Randy Yoder.

- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman**. May Esther know a sense of acceptance and safety as she continues to recover from the trauma of her captivity. We also offer our prayers for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**. May they see growth as their churches witness to the teachings of Jesus.
- ◆ We pray for all those who have been affected by the multiple hurricanes and for the people in Mexico following the most recent earthquake. May they experience comfort and healing in the midst of their overwhelming loss.
- ◆ We pray for the leaders of our country that they might make decisions with a sense of integrity and moral courage.
- ◆ We pray for peace around the world and in our hearts.

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.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

- 9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool - Orchard FT
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Room 213
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
- 3:00 p.m. Historical Committee - Library
- 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 27

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool

1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

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

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

Thursday, September 28

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool

1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC

1:00 p.m. Timbercrest Transition Team - Conf Rm

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

7:30 p.m. Ecclesia Choir - Choir Room

Friday, September 29

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool

11:00 a.m. Timbercrest Transition Team - Conf Rm

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Saturday, September 30

11:00 a.m. Yoga - Room 211

2:30 p.m. Becker Lodge: Service of Remembrance
& Hope - Camp Mack

3:00 p.m. All Church Camp Out Begins! - Parking lot

Sunday, October 1

9:30 a.m. Worship: *What you do, not what you say*,
Pastor Kurt

Text: Matthew 21:23-32

Melodia Choir

10:45 a.m. Christian Education

1:00 p.m. Evelyn Niswander's Open House - TC

2:00 p.m. Crop Walk - The Firehouse

4:30 p.m. Blessings of Animals Service -
Zion Lutheran Church (see page 3)

6:30 p.m. Love Feast - Narthex

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

Koinonia Class

October 1~ *Rejection and Mission* led by Ron Petry

October 8, 15, 22, 29 ~ *Job* with Bob Bowman

Questers' Class

October 1~ *Report from NOAC* with Ruth Angle

October 8 ~ *Faith Journey* led by Kurt Rowland

Blessings in a Backpack Donations

Donations will be taken until September 30. Envelopes are available on the Credenza in the Narthex and at the church office.

Celebrate Evelyn Niswander's 100th BD!

Sunday, October 1 ~ 1-3:00 p.m. ~ TC Assembly Room

- ◆ Your presence is your gift.
- ◆ There will be a donation jar to give to Evelyn's charity of choice.
- ◆ Please consider sending a card or letter for Evelyn's memory book if you are unable to attend.

Thank you, Evelyn's family

Fellowship under the Stars!

Get your tents or campers ready and plan to attend the All Church Camp-Out beginning on **Saturday, September 30**, at 3:00 p.m. and concluding with Sunday morning worship on Sunday, October 1! There will be a carry-in meal beginning at 5:00 p.m. with hot dogs, s'mores, and drinks provided. We will enjoy some singing together around the camp fire and visiting under the stars.

Can't stay the whole time?

Come fellowship with us when you can!

Please remember to bring:

- Sides and salads for the potluck
- Hotdog/marshmallow roasting sticks
- Yard games
- Lawn chairs
- Your own mug for beverages
- A box of cereal to share Sunday morning
- Firewood, if you have it
- Your tent!

Directory Updates

Doris Carpenter's new email address
doriscarpenter17@gmail.com

Randy and Karen Sare's new address
402 N. Market St. North Manchester, IN 46962

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.

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 rou-

tine 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.

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.

Crop Walk

CROP walk is coming up on **October 1**. Walks are now held in more than 1,000 communities throughout the U.S. and raise nearly \$10 million annually to fight hunger. Funds raised go to Church World Service to support hunger-fighting organizations, provide water systems and increased access to safe drinking water. and also to provide tools and training to help families grow the food they need. You can sign up to walk and collect pledges to support your walk, or you can sponsor a walker, or you may make a direct contribution to Church World Service. Contact Kay Batdorf at [260-982-8789](tel:260-982-8789) or Wabash County Coordinator JP Freeman at 578-0356.

Get out your walking shoes!

The Youth are still collecting for Clean up Buckets, School Kits and Disaster Relief. Please stop at the table in the Narthex after church to find out how you can help.



National Youth Conference 2018 (July 21-26)...Bound Together: Clothed in Christ. The youth are busy planning fund raisers to help with upcoming expenses...so here let's get started!

Mark your calendars...plan ahead

October 22 ~ Youth sing in Worship
November 17,18 ~ Youth Musical (NYC fundraiser)

Rehearsal schedule:

- Sunday, October 1 during SS
 - Sunday, October 8 during SS, lunch & 1-4 pm
 - Sunday, October 15, 3-5 pm
 - Sunday, October 22, 1-4 pm
- more later...

December 3 ~ next Sunday noon meal at Borgmanns'
February 4, 11, 18 ~ Silent Auction (NYC fundraiser)
May 6 ~ National Youth Sunday

Within our Community...

Last Chance for Voting!

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 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

Shepherd's Center Programs

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"

BLESSING OF ANIMALS SERVICE

Zion Lutheran Church at 113 West Main Street, North Manchester, will hold a Blessing of Animals service on **Sunday, October 1st at 4:30** in the afternoon. This short, 15 minute service will take place on the west lawn at Zion. The public is invited to bring their pets for a blessing as long as they are prepared to be responsible for their own pets and have them safely under control at all times. In cases where bringing the pet might make it anxious, or control issues may arise, people are asked to bring a picture or a toy representing their pet to receive a blessing. Questions about the Blessing of Animals service can be

answered by calling the church office at Zion, 260-982-6570.



Alumni Association Honors Tim McElwee

The Alumni Association is honoring 1978 graduate **Tim McElwee** with the Alumni Honor Award, the highest recognition it can bestow upon a graduate.

Now senior vice president for the foundation of Parkview Health, McElwee served as Manchester campus pastor from 1983-87, Director of Development from 1996-98 and Vice President for Advancement from 1999-2003 and 2013-2015.

A member of the CoB, he also served as MU Plowshares Associate Professor of Peace Studies and Political Science from 2003-2008 and was Vice President for Academic Resources prior to joining Parkview.

Previously in his career, McElwee worked in advancement roles with Heifer International and Albright College. Formerly of North Manchester, he now lives in Fort Wayne.

MU Homecoming October 13-15

Alumni and friends of MU may register at:
link.manchester.edu/homecoming

Mobile-friendly schedule for celebration:
www.manchester.edu/about-manchester/messages/homecoming-2017

Church Women United

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

Inspires ALL women to come together, energizing their desire to build new bonds through "Kindling New Fires for Peace" – embracing the essence of other cultures.

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.

Within our Church Denomination...

Highlights from District Conference

- ◆ District congregations were challenged to raise \$10,000 for water projects in Haiti and for relief efforts in Nigeria; with participation from **every** congregation in the district, **\$28,000** was raised! **Thank you!!!!!!**
- ◆ 120 delegates from 35 congregations gathered for worship and business.
- ◆ With regret, the delegates affirmed the requests of the Loon Creek and Richmond congregations that they be closed.
- ◆ Meeting at Camp Mack provided the opportunity for a fun campfire Friday evening. In fact, by mistake, there were TWO campfires!
- ◆ Approved a slate including Tom Allbaugh as moderator-elect, Glen Miller as district board member from the West Section, and **Diana Bucher**, completing a term as North Section boardmember.
- ◆ Approved these appointments: Program & Arrangements - Lorie Bowman (Central Section); Indiana Camp Board - Mark Stahl; Indiana Youth Camp Council - Ben Roudebush, Makayla Combs; Ministry Interview Committee - Mel Zumbrun.
- ◆ Learned that Sarah Dunk (Lower Deer Creek) will serve on the Ethics Committee, and **Jim Shively** (Manchester) will serve on the Indiana Camp Board.
- ◆ Approved a budget of \$103,450 for 2018.
- ◆ The morning offering was almost \$1000, and the desert auction raised just over \$1000.

Camp Mack Corner

September 30 ~ 2:30 p.m.



Service of Remembrance & Hope

This is a time for telling stories and dreaming about the future of Camp Mack. We will begin at the old Becker site, and you will have the opportunity to share stories and fond memories of Becker Lodge. We will then move to the new location of the Becker bell at the John Kline Welcome Center to celebrate the new opportunities and dreams for future ministry.

October 7 ~ Camp Mack Festival!!

- ◆ Food Booths ~ 9:00-2:00
- ◆ Train Rides ~ 9:00-2:30
- ◆ Live Music and Entertainment 9:00-3:00
- ◆ Children's Activities ~ 9:00-3:00
- ◆ Demonstrations ~ 9:00-3:00
- ◆ Les Gustafson-Zook, autoharp champion ~ 10:00-noon
- ◆ Flea Market ~ 10:00-1:00
- ◆ Hay Rides ~ 10:00-2:30
- ◆ Live Auction ~ 1:30-end

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

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. experiences of liberation through storytelling, worship and conversation.”
- ◆ 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

- ◆ 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.