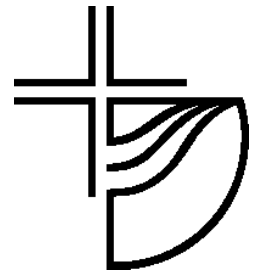


Manchester Church of the Brethren

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Week of September 4, 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 offer our prayers for the children, their parents, and the teachers and director of our Peace Patch Pre-school program. Classes began Tuesday, September 5th. May they all have of year of discovery and learning.
- ◆ We pray for those 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**. May they each know the full-ness of God's abundant love.
- ◆ We pray for the family of **Roberta Hoffman** as they gather for a service in our Memorial Garden Saturday, September 9 at 11:00. May they continue to experience the support of our prayers and the comfort of God's presence.

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 through their words, their singing and their living.
- ◆ We join other churches in our District to pray for the **Pike Creek Church of the Brethren** - may their faith be strengthened and renewed. We also pray for the **Western Plains District** and their District Executive, Sonja Griffith.
- ◆ We pray for **Esther Usman**, for her peace and wholeness of spirit. We also pray for the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, EYN**. Thirty-six of the "Chibok girls," released within the last year were recently bap-

tized as new members of EYN. These young women join 10 other Chibok abductees who have been baptized into the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria. The baptism service was conducted in Abuja, at the center where the young women are still under Nigerian government security. Two of the young women's children also were dedicated during the service.

- ◆ We pray for the thousands of people affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana. We pray for comfort for those who mourn, those who are injured, and those who have lost their homes. We pray for the Children's Disaster Services volunteers who are serving children affected by the hurricane. And we offer prayers for strength and safety for all the workers and volunteers giving aid to others.
- ◆ We also extend our hearts and prayers to the millions of people affected by weeks of severe flooding in south Asia. More than 1,200 people have died in the storms, and the death toll is expected to rise due to disease and food insecurity. The United Nations estimates that more than 41 million people are affected with loss of home, possessions, and livelihood. We pray for an easing to the flooding, for comfort and healing and for survival, recovery and generosity.
- ◆ We pray for the leaders of our country. May they have courage and integrity in the coming days.
- ◆ We pray for peace in our lives and in the lives of those around the world.

Pastor On-Call: Karen Eberly

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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 4 Church office is closed

1:00 p.m. Pickleball - FLC

Tuesday, September 5

9:30 a.m. First day of 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
7:00 p.m. Volleyball - FLC

Wednesday, September 6

9:30 a.m. Peace Patch Preschool
1:00 p.m. Tennis - FLC
4:00 p.m. Bowen Center Group - FLC/Room 301

Thursday, September 7

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

Friday, September 8 Conclusion of NOAC

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

Saturday, September 9

11:00 a.m. Yoga - Room 211
11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Roberta Hoffman -
Memorial Garden

Sunday, September 10

Blood Pressure Check

10:30 a.m. Worship: *Listening*; Pastor Kurt
Text: Matthew 18:15-20
Ecclesia Choir
10:45 a.m. Christian Education
10:45 a.m. Acolyte Training - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon - Room 213

All Things Considered Class

September 10, 17, 24 ~ Bible Study with Bob Bowman

Koinonia Class

September 10 ~ The Beginning of the Gospel
September 17 ~ The Beginning of Conflict
September 24 ~ Jesus' Authority

Led by Ron Petry

Questers' Class

September 10 ~ *The Lost Way*, Stephen Patterson
Led by Jo Ann Schall
September 17 ~ Writing *Picking Up the Pieces*
With Al Hohl
September 24 ~ Ways We Serve: One World
Presented by Di Wion

The Peace Poles are here this week!

Scott Manges will be picking up the Peace Poles
on Friday, September 8.

Fellowship of Churches Community Supper

This month is the month for our church to provide the FOC community suppers at Zion Lutheran Church. The dates are **Sept. 12 & 26**, both Tuesdays. We will need food, servers, and people to set up and clean up. Please contact Judy Myers-Walls if you are available to help. A sign up table will be in the Narthex **Sunday, September 10.**

Blessings in a
Backpack
Feeding The Future Of America

**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.

**Watch for a bulletin insert & donation envelope
on September 10!**

The offering will be September 17.

Haystack Fellowship Meal!

Sept. 17 ~ Noon ~ Hosted by Jubilee & Pathfinders
Please bring a fruit and/or a dessert to share

The Mystery Continues...

Please label items you place in the coolers and freezer in the kitchen including dates! 5 dozen brown eggs... hmmm...where did they come from & why are they here?

Thank you!

Thank you so much to those of you who provided us with school supplies. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Join the Choir or Choirs!!

Bells meet on Tuesdays at 6:30

Taizé meets twice monthly on Thursdays at 6:30

Ecclesia meets Thursdays at 7:30

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.

CBWF

Sept 14 ~ 9:30-3:00 ~ Narthex

The Women's Fellowship will begin meeting again to make crib comforters for needy children. The following are needed:

- ◆ Cotton blend and cotton fabric for tops
 - ◆ Old sheets to put between the tops and flannel backs
- Bring a dish to share for lunch...unless this is your first time...you are our guest!

Please join us!

Call Esther Rupel at 982-1410 if you have any questions.

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.

- ◆ Also, beginning **Sunday, September 10**, 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 10, 17, & 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 it.

Ruthann Angle will be in the Narthex after church Sunday with copies if you are interested. Ruthann reports that Raymond wrote if he were ever able to get off of death row into general population, he would really like to start a Church of the Brethren! After reading this book, we think you'll understand why.

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...



Tuesday, September 5 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Petersime Chapel

- ◆ Storytellers Kim Schultz, Rohina Malik and Susan Stone will be participating in an interfaith worship service

**Thursday, September 7 ~ 7:00pm ~ Cordier at MU
“Manchester’s Vietnam War”**

A special event will offer a 40 minute preview screening of an episode of "The Vietnam War," a 10-part, 18-hour documentary from Ken Burns and Lynn Novick.

Following the screening, a panel with military veteran Mike Krause, draft resistor **Bob Gross**, and MU professor emeritus of History **David Waas**, will speak about their experiences during the war and then take questions.

It is free and open to the public.

This presentation is among a number of events that will honor MU's connection to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Manchester was the final campus to host King as a speaker before he was slain in 1968. David Waas was a young professor when he heard King speak at Manchester on Feb. 1, 1968.

During this 50th anniversary year of that speech, Manchester will explore such topics as race relations, social and economic inequality, and the entanglements of a protracted military conflict.

<https://www.manchester.edu/mlk50>

Manchester is also gearing up to break ground on the Jean Childs Young Intercultural Center, where people from all walks of life will gather for difficult conversations that lead to a deeper understanding of our shared humanity.

The Sept. 7 event is a collaboration between MU Peace Studies Institute and Program in Conflict Resolution and PBS39, the public television station in Fort Wayne.

Did you vote today?!

MELC , Fellowship of Churches, and One World Hand-crafts 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 6 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ TC Chapel

This week will be led by David Lawrenz.

This will begin the 6th year of EvenSong.

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 15** - *Roxanne*
- ◆ **Friday, September 29** - *I Am Not Your Negro*
Questions? call Wanda Miller, 982-6189

Historical Society Presents

A Shared History:

128 Years of Manchester University

Monday, Sept 11 ~ 6:30 pm ~ TC Assembly Room

Presented by MU President Dave McFadden

Shepherd's Center Fall Session Programs

September 6 ~ 9:00 am ~ Town Life Center

- ◆ Current Events - "A Recent Palestinian Perspective"
with Carole Baker and Al Hohl
- ◆ Adventures in Learning - "Chamber Events"
with Debra Pyrah

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!

Within our Church District...

Pre-District Conference Events

Everyone is Invited!!

Friday, September 15 ~ Bethany CoB

Education Event ~ "Deacons for Today's World"

- ◆ Leadership provided by Joshua Brockway and others
- ◆ Registration is at 1:00...pre-registration is not required
- ◆ Workshops begin at 1:30
- ◆ Workshops are free
- ◆ Childcare is available (advance notification is appreciated)

Leadership Dinner

- ◆ 5:30 Gathering and Appetizers
- ◆ Dinner at 6:00
- ◆ No charge...Everyone is welcome

"Please join us for a time of fellowship and dinner, an opportunity to share my gratitude for our ministry together".

- Beth Sollenberger

Friday Evening ~ Camp Mack

- ◆ 7:30 pm Campfire
- ◆ Sing with the Boomer Boys
- ◆ Enjoy s'mores and popcorn

2017 District Conference

Theme: Good News...From Generation to Generation

Saturday, September 16 ~ Camp Mack

- ◆ 7:30 Breakfast in John Kline Welcome Center
- ◆ 8:15 Worship in Quinter Miller Auditorium
- ◆ 9:00 Business begins
- ◆ Lunch in the John Kline Welcome Center
- ◆ Afternoon will include insight sessions, more business, and the dessert auction

Camp Mack Corner



October 7: Camp Mack Festival

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

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