

MCOB Newsletter

Week of Sunday, April 28, 2024

Pastoral Care: Pastor Amy 765.967.0657

*Tim Terflinger on Vacation: April 28 - May 10

*Pastor Gwen on Vacation: April 29 - May 8

*Pastor Amy on Vacation: May 2 - May 7

*Pastor Amy @ Camp Mack: May 6 - May 7

(leading Pastors' Sabbath Retreat)

Deacon on Call: Debbie Chinworth 260.402.3486

Prayer Concerns: We welcome all to join in prayer...

♥ **In the midst** of the ongoing genocide in **Gaza**, we learned yesterday that **Haya**, the young women who served as an intern for On Earth Peace - made it out of Gaza and is now in Cairo where she was able to pay to get her sister and brother and mother out the war zone that is Gaza. We pray today with gratitude that Haya is safe in Cairo and we pray with hope that she will be safely reunited with her family in the coming week even as **we pray for all who continue to suffer** in the war zone that is Gaza.

♥ **In these days** we are keenly aware that life is fragile. We pray for those who are healing and recovering: for **Karen Rowland**, **David Rogers**, **Joe Mason**, and for **others** whose ailments are endured outside our awareness.

♥ **Our fragility and vulnerability** reaches its peak in death. Today we pause for a moment of silence as we remember our brother, **Don Beckner**, who breathed his final breath on April 27 in his room at Timbercrest.

♥ **Each day that we are able to live** empowered and inspired by the energy of nothing less than the Spirit of God - is a day to celebrate. We join with that energy of gratitude and hopefulness as we celebrate with the **students** - and the **teachers** - who are entering their final month of school for this year. We commend the 3 of our seniors who have been recognized as top students in 2024: **Sophie Lechrone**, **Evan Martynowicz**, and **Miriam Struble-Hedstrom**.

♥ **In the coming weeks** please pray for **Tim Terflinger**, our Facilities Manager, as he travels to Alaska participating in a service/mission along with his faith community, Congregational Christian Church. We give thanks that **Karen Terflinger**, our previous custodian, will be helping us in Tim's absence.

♥ **Our community** is but one small boat in a vast sea, filled with all different kinds of boats, carrying all different kinds of people, all seeking to find meaning, to be known, to share love, to encounter the **HOLY**. To encounter **GOD**. We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel**, and we pray with all in our district for the **Logansport Congregation**, and the **Western Pennsylvania District**.

♥ We pray for **all** who are doing their best each day to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with you, O God.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

(office hours are 1-3 pm Monday - Friday)

MONDAY, APRIL 29

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice | Sanctuary

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

3:30 p.m. Women's Book Group | Video Conference

6:30 p.m. Unsettling Truths Book Study | Vestibule

7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Midweek Update | YouTube

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

7:30 p.m. PMPC | Conference Room

THURSDAY, MAY 2

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. SMH Working Session | Video Conference

3:00 p.m. Nurture Commission | Video Conference

5:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention | Chapel

FRIDAY, MAY 3

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

6:00 p.m. Food Fun & Friends (Baked Potato Bar) | FLC

SUNDAY, MAY 5 (last day of silent auction)

9:30 a.m. **Worship: "You're Life; God's Direction"**

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (*Peace Patch gathering in the Children's Wing*)

10:45 a.m. Nominating Committee | Library

12:00 p.m. International Potluck Fellowship Meal | FLC



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (MAY 5)

ATC (Sanctuary): **Lila Hammer** - *Who are we? Reviewing the Congregational Profile* (review of survey info gathered)

Koinonia (Conference Room): **Everett Shattuck**, *final lesson from Acts*

Questers (Sanctuary): *Joining the ATC class in the Sanctuary*

Nurture Nudge: What is one action you can make that changes how you engage creation, for this week and the rest of your life?

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN MESSENGER

It's renewal time! For those who are up for renewal, the office needs to be notified whether you want to *continue or cancel* your current subscription by end of day **MONDAY, MAY 13**. [The list of people that are due this year can be found online here](#), and you can simply mark the box **yes** or **no** to update your renewal status. If you choose to renew, **payments are due by June 1**.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

What is the Fellowship Commission Doing?

This commission seeks to build community and enhance relationships within our church family. In brief, we offer opportunities to gather with one another. We will host a Food, Fun, and Fellowship on May 3rd. There will be a baked potato bar followed by games. All are welcome, and if you would like to bring a dish, perhaps a bit of dessert? Then, on May 5th, we will have a Fellowship Meal. This meal's focus is on International Foods. If you have a recipe for an international dish, we welcome you to share it with us all! We will of course, welcome all types of food. On June 2nd at 6:00 pm, we offer you "Churchill Grounds". No we won't be racing horses, instead we offer an opportunity to enjoy the grounds around our church building. We hope to have walking tours to help us appreciate the plants and trees surrounding our building. And of course, there will be a bit of food.

We hope you decide to join in on several of these upcoming activities!



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

DeVos Place Convention Center (Grand Rapids, MI)
July 3-7

[Click here for a guide to registering online](#)



FOOD FUN & FRIENDS!
Friday, May 3 at 6pm

**BAKED
POTATO
BAR**



UPCOMING

FRIDAY, MAY 3

FIRST FRIDAYS FOOD FUN & FRIENDS! **6PM**

SUNDAY, MAY 5

YOUTH & GRADUATE RECOGNITION DURING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 5

12PM INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL

TUESDAY, MAY 7

7PM Q & A WITH **MARK CHARLES**, AUTHOR OF "UNSETTLING TRUTHS: THE ONGOING, DEHUMANIZING LEGACY OF THE DOCTRINE DISCOVERY"

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 19

YOUTH VS STAFF VOLLEYBALL GAME **6PM**

THURSDAY, MAY 23

HEIDI DOUDT RAMER, "HER WORDS, HER VOICE"
TIMBERCREST CHAPEL **10AM**



NORTH MANCHESTER FARMERS MARKET

When: Every Saturday

May - Sept. 8am-12pm & October 9am-12pm

Where: The So. Mill St. Pavilion

And

Nov. 23rd & Dec. 21st 9am-12pm

at the Town Life Center



Gun Violence Prevention Updates

Newsletter



Along with the quarterly meetings, the Church of the Brethren Gun Violence Prevention Action Team (COB-GVP-AT) has launched a monthly newsletter. Each issue addresses different topics with the past months having focused on National Gun Violence Survivors Week 2024 (January 22-26), Youth Violence Prevention Week (April 22-26, 2024), and International Bereaved Mother's Day (May 5). If you would like to join our email list to receive our monthly newsletters (as well as previous editions), please reach out to Mandy Park at cob-gvp@onearthpeace.org.

Quarterly Meetings

The third quarterly meeting is coming up soon, on **May 4th at 7:30 PM ET / 6:30 PM CT / 5:30 PM MT / 4:30 PM PT**. The main topic will be to prepare for launching the 2024 **Wear Orange** campaign (June 7-9) in every congregation. If you are interested in attending and learning more about the work of this group, please rsvp here:

RSVP



SHEPHERD'S CENTER SPRING SCHEDULE

All programs are at 9:30am in the Blocher Room at the NM Public Library.

AiL means "Adventures in Learning".

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

CURRENT EVENTS: **R. EVAN NICHOLS, MD**, Diagnostic Radiology Specialist
AiL: **DR. CATHERINE PERIOLAT**, Dentistry



MANCHESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
& CONDUCTOR DEBRA LYNN PRESENT

CREATURES

Great and Small



"The Lark Ascending" by
Ralph Vaughan Williams
FEATURING CONCERTMASTER
ELIZABETH SMITH, VIOLIN

"Wood Notes" by William Grant Still
Overture to "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss
"And God Created Great Whales," poem for
orchestra and recorded whales by Alan Hovhaness

Sunday, May 12, 2024, 3 p.m.

Honeywell Center | 275 Market St., Wabash

\$20 general admission; free for age 18 and younger, and for MU students and employees

Purchase tickets at www.manchestersymphonyorchestra.org/tickets





**ONLINE REGISTRATION
NEW 2024 ACCOUNT SETUP**

Go to www.campmack.org.

Click the "Register" button at the top right of the page.

ONLINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Click "Register" next to the name of the participant.
- Select the program you wish to attend. Click on the "Info" button for more information. Click "Register."
- If registering another family member for an event, click "Yes." If not, click "No, continue registration."
- Confirm participant information and emergency contacts, and choose session options (if applicable).
- Fill out the required form(s) and sign the waiver, click Next
- Click "Proceed to Payment." to use MCOB church camper codes, click "+Add sponsorship/promotional code" and enter the code **39MA1** for **returning campers** or **39MA5** for **first time campers**.

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