

MCOB Newsletter

Week of Sunday, April 21, 2024

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

- ♥ We pray with joy for **Karen and Randy Sare** that Karen could celebrate her 7th anniversary of her lung transplant.
- ♥ We hold **Pam Hoover** and her **family** in loving prayer as they move into this time of grief and change now that the service is over and interment has taken place. May God grant comfort in this particular time.
- ♥ We pray for **Karen Rowland** who has back surgery on Tuesday, April 23 at Parkview North. We hold the whole **family** of **Curt and Karen** in prayer.
- ♥ We pray for **Jane and Jeff Hunn's** sister-in-law, **Char**, who underwent a liver transplant last week. It was successful and she will likely be moved out of ICU soon. Jane is traveling to Madison Wisconsin to be with Char during this portion of the healing journey. We pray for **Jane and Jeff, Reena and Ivy** and their whole **families** as they accompany **Char** with love and hope.
- ♥ We pray for the **world** as it reverberates with violence. May God proclaim loudly a new way for nations to cease animosity to find true conciliation, and may we start within the difficulties and differences in our own lives.
- ♥ We pray for **courage** for those working to raise the alarm that during the distraction of the Israel/Iran attacks, that **Palestinians** continue to be starved and killed by Israeli forces every day. **Community Peacemaker Teams, Veterans for Peace, former military personnel, and Doctors without Borders**, just to name a few, have persons who are active with the Gaza Freedom Flotilla as it prepares to leave Turkey in an effort to get in getting 5000 tons of aid to the people of **Gaza** in the coming days. The situation is so complex, may we each be a non-violent presence here at home.
- ♥ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren** as we move forward led by God, as many leave to follow the Covenant Bible Church or become independent of any denomination.
- ♥ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel**.
- ♥ We pray with others in our district for the **Living Faith congregation** and the **Southern Pennsylvania District**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, APRIL 22

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

3:30 p.m. FLC Reserved

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

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, APRIL 24

Midweek Update | YouTube

9:30 a.m. Preschool

12:00 p.m. Pastors' Luncheon at Timbercrest

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

9:30 a.m. Preschool

12:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive | FLC

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Items due for Youth Auction!

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

9:30 a.m. [Special Speaker Worship: "Aim high, look low"](#)

Scripture: Luke 20:45-25:4

10:45 a.m. Combined Sunday School with David Radcliff | Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. **Youth Silent Auction Begins!**

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ATC (Sanctuary): **David Radcliff** - Combined Class

Koinonia (Conference Room): **Everett Shattuck** - *Acts of the Apostles*

Questers (Chapel): Starting book, *"Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time"*

Nurture Nudge: When have you been the "other" and someone reached toward you in a way that was life affirming? When have you done this for another? How did you experience God in that moment?

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**.

→ 1-year **\$14.50** or 2-year **\$27.00**

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Sign Up for Small Groups
[HERE](#)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Executive Board Update
April 17, 2024 meeting

Reports: Max Mock presented the February end-of-the-month financials in Katherine Haff's absence. Contributions at the end of February far exceeded expenses – good to see! The timing of the Stewardship Commission and Executive Board meetings and working out details with the accounting firm prevent us from being able to review the most recent month-end financials. The treasurer and Stewardship Commission are looking at ways to provide more current/up-to-date financial information to the Board. Dates for the 2024 Sing Me Home Festival concert series have been determined; dates and the final details will be announced after the contracts are signed with the various performers. The Nomination Committee held an initial organizational meeting on April 21 with hopes that the slate of candidates will be presented to the Executive Board in August.

Business items included: Approvals of the transfer of membership for Loyce Borgmann to the Middlebury Church of the Brethren, and Steve Mason and Marilyn Sexton Mason to the Goshen City Church of the Brethren. Approval of \$5,520 from the Capital Expenditures fund for a termite treatment project, and \$5,000 for repair and painting of the front entry and Port Cochere (portico), Peace Patch covered walkway, and the steeple. The 2nd Quarter Special Offering to Growing Hope Globally was approved; the special offering day will be June 16 and information will be available in the Narthex several weeks prior.

Discussion items: Gwen shared ideas for special summer fun worship plans. An outside worship service will be held each month of the summer. We'll meet for worship at the venue by the Memorial Garden at 6pm on Sunday, June 23. Sunday, July 21 will find us near the solar panels for worship at 9:30 a.m. with a Solar Panel Party afterwards (more details coming). Our annual Camp Mack worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 25. Various intergenerational activities will be planned for each outdoor service.

Pastoral Search: The Search Committee submitted the Congregational Profile to the District Executive on April 16. The Committee welcomes the congregation to submit names of potential pastoral candidates to Lila Hammer or Jim Shively; those names will be forwarded to the DE. Questions and protocols are being determined in preparation for interviews when candidates are identified.



Timbercrest Seniors for Peace, Thursday, April 27, at 10:00 am in the Timbercrest Chapel. will be presented by **Pamela Brubaker (MC 1968), Union Theological Seminary, PhD, 1989.** She will discuss *"Indigenous Women Act to Defend Mother Earth: Empowerment and Solidarity"* based on her global experiences with the World Council of Churches. Pam is retired from California Lutheran Seminary where she taught Religion and Social Ethics. All are invited..



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024
DeVos Place Convention Center (Grand Rapids, MI)
July 3-7

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

Registration

Hotels

Schedule

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



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.



**GLOBAL WOMEN'S
PROJECT**



MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT

Honor a woman you love by supporting mothers around the world!

Instead of buying more stuff for your loved one, express your gratitude with a gift that keeps on giving. Your donation allows us to fund women-led projects focused on women's health, education, and employment. **In return, your chosen recipient(s) will receive a lovely, hand-written card indicating that a gift has been made in their honor.**

Donate online or mail a check along with your name and recipient's name and address to:

**Global Women's Project
c/o Karlene Tyler
333 South Lakeside Dr.
Unit I
McPherson, KS 67460**

For your recipient(s) to receive a card by Mother's Day, GWP must receive your gift by **May 1st**. If making an online donation, email cobgwp@gmail.com with the names and addresses of all recipients.

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Chiapas, Mexico

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Rwanda

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Narus, South Sudan

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COMMUNITY DAY

at Koinonia



APRIL
27TH

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