

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

- ♥ We pray for **Teresa Clingaman**, who broke her wrist last week. We pray for her healing.
- ♥ We continue in prayers for **David Rogers** as he tends to his health, and for **Shirley** at his side. He has returned to Timbercrest after a week in the hospital.
- ♥ We pray for **Mary Ritchey** who experienced health concerns last week. She has been lovingly tended by her daughters, friends and medical staff. May she continue to experience improvement and comfort. We particularly keep **Donna** and **Tim Ritchey-Martin** in prayer.
- ♥ We pray for **Donald Beckner** who spent time last week at Wabash Hospital with pain related to his cancer. May God be his comfort.
- ♥ We pray for **all** who travel to locations in our nation where the eclipse can be seen in totality. May we experience a moment of shared wonder, hospitality, kindness of strangers, awe for the movement of the cosmos.
- ♥ We pray with many in our denomination for the **people** living in the terrible violence in **Haiti**. Church of the Brethren leaders in Haiti respond to a pastoral letter with gratitude for the prayers from all over, while recognizing that so many are in desperate positions in the capital, with chaos and violence continuing. We pray for all.
- ♥ We pray for the **people of Taiwan** suffering the after effects of the massive earthquake last week, as well as those on the east coast who experienced disruption from the earthquake on Friday.
- ♥ We pray with **Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria)** that God's guidance and wisdom will be evident in a successful April 16-19 **EYN Majalisa** (their annual conference) where a new president, vice president, and general secretary will be elected. May God be in those leadership transitions. May those who travel to attend be safe, and may God's guidance and wisdom be manifested in all who are involved.
- ♥ We pray for the **Ministries of Peace and Justice** of our sister church in **El Salvador, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel**.
- ♥ We pray with others in our district for the **Lafayette Church of the Brethren** and the **Puerto Rico District**.



Sabeel is an "Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center" in East Jerusalem whose vision is to equip Christians around the world, inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, to stand for the oppressed, work for justice, and engage in peace-building. Each week Sabeel sends out a "Wave of Prayer", inviting Christians around the world to join in prayer specific to the realities in the holy lands. During these horrific times, taking the lead from the voices of Palestinian Christians, I invite us all to join in this regular Wave of Prayer: [HERE!](#) You may sign up to receive the weekly wave of prayer via your email if you so desire. - Gwen

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Center/Decor | Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- Midweek Update | YouTube
- Second Harvest Tailgate
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Education Commission | Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Witness Commission | Video Conference

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- Youth Christian Citizenship Seminar in Washington, DC (April 11-16)
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 5:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention | Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission | Video Conference

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

- 9:30 a.m. [Manchester University Students Lead Worship: "Instruments of Peace"](#)
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library
- 1:00 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee | Conference Room

Adult Christian Education

- ATC** (Room 220): **Dan Poole & Janet Ober Lambert** - *Bethany Seminary*
- Koinonia** (Conference Room): **Everett Shattuck** - *Acts of the Apostles*
- Questers** (Chapel): *Final chapter of "If the Church were Christian"*

Nurture Nudge: What Easter songs express your faith and strengthen your wonder? Play this song in a moment when you are alone and can listen without distraction. Ask another what music resonates within them for hope.



The Nurture Commission is organizing **Small Groups!** Small groups are a good way to get to know other people in our congregation. Sign-ups [AVAILABLE HERE](#). Paper sign-ups will be available on Sunday or contact Pastor Amy for questions.



March General Offering: \$36,882.12
YTD Giving: \$142,128.36
2024 BUdget: \$745,693

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**
Please make checks payable to MCoB with "Messenger" in the memo line.

If you are not on the list above of folks that are up for renewal, this means you either have a 2-year subscription that is not due until next year, *or* you are not subscribed through the church club to receive your Messenger magazine. If you would like to sign-up with the church for your Messenger subscription please contact Kayla in the church office no later than **Monday, May 13**.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATES

Q: So...we completed the survey, what now?

A: **THANK YOU** for completing the survey! Responses were received from 105 folks through the online and hard-copy surveys. The Search Committee is reading each survey and compiling the information to complete questions on the Congregational Profile. The Profile also includes several narrative sections in which the Committee will describe the history of our congregation, worship style, educational programs, view of Scripture, programs other than worship and Sunday school, and our involvement in the local and larger communities.

Q: Who sees this Profile?

A: Our Profile will be posted on a secure denominational website where pastors who are considering a change can view our information.

Q: Will we be asked for any additional input?

A: Yes! If you know of someone you think the Search Committee should contact about this position, please let a member of the Committee know.

Q: If we have questions, who should we contact?

A: Please feel free to contact **Jim Shively** (260-438-0919) or **Lila Hammer** (260-578-0393) if you have questions.



ROMANS 16:2 (CEB)

WELCOME+ WORTHY

2024 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024
DeVos Place Convention Center (Grand Rapids, MI)
July 3-7
[Click here for a guide to registering online](#)

Registration

Hotels

Schedule



community
meal

We have the opportunity to feed 200+ of our neighbors through the Manchester Fellowship of Churches Community Dinner on **TUESDAY, APRIL 23** at ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH.

You can either...

♥ sign up to bring green beans/tossed salad or ♥ volunteer to help assemble the main dish in the FLC or

♥ you can volunteer to serve the meals on Tuesday, April 23

→ If you sign up to bring green beans or tossed salad, please arrive by 3pm on the 23rd.

[SIGN-UP HERE](#)



Sept 13 & 14

Oct 19

Nov 23

More details and lineup announcement coming soon!



BRETHREN MENNONITE COUNCIL
FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL
AND TRANSGENDER INTERESTS

Manchester Church of the Brethren has been a member of the Supportive Communities Network (SCN) since May of 1997. **Supportive Communities Network (SCN)** is a program of the **Brethren Mennonite Council (BMC) for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Interests**. The mission of BMC is to cultivate an inclusive church and society and to care for the Mennonite and Brethren lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and allied community. BMC has interesting and meaningful resources available to all of us on its website [HERE](#) and via its quarterly newsletter. Check out the Spring 2024 BMC Newsletter [HERE!](#)

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, APRIL 17

CURRENT EVENTS: **MATT HENDRYX**, "The Invisibility of Economic Reality"
Ail: **MATT MIZE**, "A Manchester Perspective"

COMMUNITY DAY

at Koinonia

APRIL 27TH



REGISTER TODAY!

<https://manchester.advancementforum.com/event/community-day/register>



**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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