

MCOB Newsletter

Week of Sunday, February 11, 2024

Pastoral Care: Pastor Amy 765.967.0657

Deacon on Call: Bob Gross 260.982.7480

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

- ♥ Gratitude that **David Young's** biopsy report came back clear and that there appears to be no additional cancer.
- ♥ Prayer for **Jan Fairchild**, who has been in and out of the hospital with discomfort and now is scheduled to have gallbladder surgery soon.
- ♥ We pray for **Bev Petry** who was in Wabash Parkview Hospital over the weekend with concerns about her heart. She is feeling increasingly better.
- ♥ We pray for **Rose Marie Miller**. Her husband, **Kenneth Miller** died after a brief time in Hospice. We are grateful that the family was able to come and surround Kenneth and Rose Marie during his last days. Kenneth's memorial service will be next **Saturday, February 17, at 2 PM** at the **Timbercrest Chapel**.
- ♥ We continue to pray for the **friends and family** of **Jean Wolf**, who gathered to celebrate her life Saturday afternoon. Pray for comfort for all who grieve.
- ♥ We tenderly hold **many among us** in the light of God: those who are experiencing slow recoveries, challenging cancer treatments, changes in health and strength. We pray that God's healing love would be with all who are suffering.
- ♥ And we extend our concern beyond those we know personally, to the needs of the **world**.
- ♥ We hold in prayer our sister church in El Salvador, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel** and the many lives impacted for good through their ministries of health and peacemaking.
- ♥ We join with others in our district to pray for the **Christ Our Shepherd Church of the Brethren** and the **Mid-Atlantic District**.
- ♥ We also pray for **an end** to the horrific ongoing violence, starvation, destruction and death inflicted on the **Palestinian people**; inflicted by the State of Israel, paid for with our tax dollars here in the US. May God have mercy on all who suffer. May God have mercy on us all.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC
- 5:30 p.m. FLC Reserved
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir | Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. FLC Reserved

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 3:30 p.m. Women's Book Group | Video Conference
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Center/Decor | Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - Ash Wednesday

- Midweek Update | YouTube
- Second Harvest Tailgate
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Virtual Staff Meeting**
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC
- 6:00 p.m. [Ash Wednesday Service \(Encounter/Encuentro\)](#)
Scripture: Psalm 51, Isaiah 58:1-12

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer | Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 10:30 a.m. CBWF: Relief Sewing | Narthex
- 1:00 p.m. SMH Steering Committee | Video Conference
- 5:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention | Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. FLC Reserved

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Soccer | FLC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - First Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 a.m. [Worship: "Welcome & Worthy"](#)**
Scripture: Romans 1.6:1-4 (CEB), Micah 6:8 (NRSV or CEB)
Special Speaker: Madalyn Metzger
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
All are welcome: Combined class with Madalyn Metzger | Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship Meal | FLC

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (FEB. 18)

ATC (Sanctuary): Madalyn Metzger, AC Moderator
KOINONIA (Conference Room): Biblical Studies in "Luke"
QUESTERS (Chapel): "If the church were Christian"

NURTURE NUDGE: What mustard seed of pungent and powerful potential is within you, waiting to be planted?



*And on the 7th day, you shall rest!
Your pastors are working intentionally at nurturing practices that keep us all healthy, balanced, and grounded in the Sacred. One way we do this is by naming and honoring our respective days off/Sabbath. While we all make exceptions, we want YOU, the congregation at MCoB, to know our intentions so you're not surprised if we don't respond to emails on our day off/Sabbath. Thanks for your support in this effort to nurture counter-cultural faith!*

Seth - Off Mondays
Amy & Gwen - Off Fridays

-Pastor Gwen



2024 Immediate Care Deacons

- Ruth Barrett
- Chuck Bell
- Debbie Chinworth
- Jim Chinworth
- Christine Fisher
- Paul Fry-Miller
- Bob Gross
- Donna Ritchey-Martin

DEACONS
Leading through Serving.

Commissioning service for new deacons will be part of worship on February 25. We welcome **Chuck Bell, Diana Bucher, and Diane Sincroft** who have been called by the congregation and discerned an affirmation of that call.

2024 Sustaining Care Deacons

- Diana Bucher
- Jan Fairchild
- Tina Rieman
- Diane Sincroft

The **Witness Commission** wants to inform everyone regarding the outreach recipients for 2024. In the Global Community category, donations are given to Mission and Ministry Board, On Earth Peace, S/Cen. IN District, Bethany Seminary, Manchester Univ., Timbercrest, Camp Mack, Community Peacemaker Teams, Supportive Communities Network of BMC, and Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel. In the Local Community category, donations are given to Fellowship of Churches, Manchester Early Learning Center, Meals on Wheels, Education for Conflict Resolution, Habitat for Humanity, and Shepherd's Center. If you would like further information on any of the recipients, please be in contact with us. Thank you for your generous gifts which allow the church to support these worthy organizations. **- Nan Erbaugh, Witness Chair**

Kenneth Miller
MEMORIAL SERVICE

2 pm

SATURDAY, FEB 17
VISITATION 1 PM

Timbercrest Chapel



SPECIAL SPEAKER SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Committed to cultivating community, Madalyn is a frequent speaker and writer on topics such as diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-racism; organizational and personal branding; and leadership development. She is a member of the Manchester University (North Manchester, Indiana) Board of Trustees and teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in strategic marketing for Bluffton (Ohio) University and Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, Virginia).

MADALYN METZGER
ANNUAL CONFERENCE MODERATOR



Spring Council Meeting | Sunday, March 17

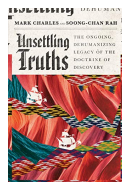


Let's join together in the Sanctuary after a delicious Fellowship Meal (more on this later).

Come and hear updates from the pastors, staff, Treasurer, and the Executive Board!



Witness plans to lead a 6-7 week book study of **Mark Charles' Unsettled Truth: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery**. We want to know whether folks would like to meet entirely on zoom and what day and time would be best to meet. The plan is to start the last week of Feb. 2024, skipping Holy Week, and ending in April. [Submit your availability here!](#)





2024 Church Family Directories are [here!](#) Please let us know if you need one delivered to you. Our standard directories contain our church family contact information, commissions, board, budget info, and local area assistance.

You can download the “**Instant Church Directory**” app for your phone or tablet (AppStore or PlayStore) and access the pictorial directory wherever you go! Or, you can simply go to the website on your computer (www.instantchurchdirectory.com) and sign up that way. **All you have to do:** create a login using the email address attached to your contact information and ensure to **create a password you will remember!**

If you try to sign up and it gives you any trouble, just reach out to Kayla in the church office and she will help get you access! Below is a screenshot of what the app symbol (green box with a church) looks like.



CAMP MACK REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7PM!

- Important Info**
 - Register at campmack.org
 - Please check your account login in advance! If you haven't logged into our new software, click "I need to reset my password" If you have trouble logging in, email brittany@campmack.org.
 - If you have a church code, click to "Proceed to Payment" and +Add sponsorship/promotional code
- Summer Camp**
 - Camp choices are based on grade completed, but when registering please note when it prompts to enter "Grade in the Fall of 2024". On the camper bio page it will list "Today's Grade" correctly.
- Grand Camp**
 - Grand Camp registration is fully online this year
 - Children need to be registered by their parent/guardian, not the grandparent. Grandparents and grandchildren will be connected using the "Grand Camp" online registration form.
 - Spots for the June 13-15 camp are limited- Register today!
 - Both camps have the option to bring your own RV/Camper

ONLINE REGISTRATION—NEW IN 2024 ACCOUNT SETUP

Go to www.campmack.org.

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

Existing accounts, Click "Forgot your login information." 2) Choose "I need to reset my password." Your login will not change.

Need an account? Click "New User." If the participant is an adult, create the account under the participant name. If the participant is a minor, create an account with the parent/guardian information.

Follow the instructions to create your profile.

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**.
- A \$75 deposit is required for all summer camps in order to be registered. Full payment is required by June 1st. Enter payment information, then click "Submit Payment."

[Click Here to Register](#)

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, FEBRUARY 21

CURRENT EVENTS: JAMES ELLIOT, "Green" Wasp Removal

AiL: JAZIN CRIFE, Chillz

You are Invited to **Celebrate a Century!**

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY!

ALICE (RUPEL) ROHRER



Sunday, March 31, 2024 (Easter Sunday)

Open House: 2-4 pm

In the **Assembly Room** of the Manor (main building)

Timbercrest Senior Living Community

2201 East St., North Manchester, Indiana

(Park in the north-side parking lot near the Hub).

The gift of your presence will be enough.

If you wish to send a card:

Alice Rohrer

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Meeting with DE: District Executive Minister Laura Stone met with the Executive Board at a called meeting on Saturday, February 10.

Laura led the Board through a discussion about what we have learned through our own and others' observations from our journey over the past six months. Expressions of gratitude for our pastors were shared, as well as a sense of anticipation and renewed energy for what is ahead.


As Laura shared – in any social system – family, work group, church leadership, social organization, book club – when one person leaves, the system goes through a time of readjustment. Our church family (system) has been in the process of readjusting for more than five years! Pastors retiring, new pastors joining us, COVID, moving to online worship, returning to in-person worship (with some noticeable changes), sabbatical, resignation of long-term pastor, and the arrival of interim pastor – that's a LOT of readjusting! The GOOD NEWS – our God is faithful and has walked beside us through all these adjustments.

Pastoral Search: After a review of the search process Laura asked the Board to outline qualities important for search committee candidates. The list included humility, teachable/willingness to listen/learn, self-confidence, sense of God's leading, trustworthy, and a calm demeanor. The Board then developed a list of search committee candidates holding these qualities. The makeup of the Pastoral Search Committee will be announced when the membership is finalized.

In the meantime, the Wild Hopes & Dreams listening circles responses will be compiled and shared, and more opportunities for discussion and input will be provided in the coming weeks and months. Watch the Newsletter for updates!

*Please feel free to contact Executive Board Chair Lila Hammer
if you have further questions.*

*Lila can be reached at LHammer@manchester.edu or 260-578-0393
(text or call).*

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