

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

- ♥ We pray for the family of **Kenneth Miller** who gathered Saturday to remember his life. We hold **Rose Marie** and their daughters **Kay** and **Anne** in love as all adjust to new rhythms of life with a hole that is not easily filled.
- ♥ We remember **Angela Stinebaugh** who passed away at just shy of age 105 last week. Angela was a music teacher in the Manchester school system and Vernon was a professor at Manchester College and both were a part of this congregation before retiring to Pennsylvania. We hold **Vernon Stinebaugh** in prayer in this time of tender transition.
- ♥ We pray for the family of **Phil Orpurt, 102 1/2**, who passed away Saturday morning, surrounded by his daughters and the love of his son from afar. He was aware and gracious till the end. Thanks be to God for this long life well lived.
- ♥ We pray for **Bev Petry**, who spent time in the hospital managing congestive heart failure and is now on the mend in her home. Thanks be to God for caring and able partners in **Ron**, their 3 daughters and son.
- ♥ We pray for **Jan Fairchild** who had gallbladder surgery on Sunday. May she be returned to physical comfort and strength for her daily life.
- ♥ We pray for **Cathy Metzger** who has spent the weekend in the hospital and is now doing better.
- ♥ We pray with our **whole denomination** as we grieve the loss of beloved sister, **Belita Mitchell**. Belita was a retired pastor and the denomination's first Black female moderator in 2007. She passed away on Saturday, Feb. 10, at her home in Mechanicsburg, PA. She served as pastor to Church of the Brethren congregations along with her husband, **Don**, she was recognized in 2017 by the denomination's Intercultural Ministries as a significant leader in efforts to make the Church of the Brethren an intercultural church, and in 2022 she was the preacher for the final worship service at Annual Conference in Omaha. We are grateful for her impact, and the denomination is impacted by the loss of her wise presence. May her legacy live on.
- ♥ We pray for our **own congregation** as we embark on a time of prayerful discernment and wise action, as we search for our next pastor. We pray for **all who are called** to be on the search team, and **those who lead**.
- ♥ With prayers of joy, we recognize that **Sophie Leckrones's** art has been chosen to be on display at Huntington University and the Fort Wayne Museum of Art.
- ♥ We pray for **Pastor Miguel** and all who lead our sister church in **El Salvador, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel**, in their community work bringing peace, health, and teaching to many.
- ♥ We pray with others in our district for the **Eel River Community Church of the Brethren** and the **Missouri and Arkansas District**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 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 20

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Women's Book Group | Video Conference
- 7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- Midweek Update | YouTube
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC
- 2:30 p.m. Deacon Orientation | Library
- 6:00 p.m. FLC Reserved
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Board | Conference Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer | Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 5:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention | Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. FLC Reserved

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - Second Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 a.m. [Worship: Encounter/Encuentro on a Mountaintop](#)
Scripture: Mark 9:2-9
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (FEB. 25)

ATC (Room 220): Bob Bowman: *Sermon on the Mount*
 KOINONIA (Conference Room): Biblical Studies in "Luke"
 QUESTERS (Chapel): "If the Church were Christian"

NURTURE NUDGE: As you encounter people this week, inwardly name their welcome and worth. How does this change your relationship engagement? How do you name your own God given welcome and worth?



2nd SUNDAY IN LENT: FEBRUARY 25
 Mark 9:2-9 (Transfiguration)
 ON A MOUNTAIN TOP



3RD SUNDAY IN LENT: MARCH 3
 Mark 12:28-34
 AT THE TEMPLE



4th SUNDAY IN LENT: MARCH 10
 Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-21
 AT A NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE



5th SUNDAY IN LENT: MARCH 17
 John 12:20-33 (Passion)
 AT A FESTIVAL



6th SUNDAY IN LENT: MARCH 24
 MARK 11:1-11 (Palm)
 ON A DONKEY

WITNESS WINDOW



Over the next few months, the Witness Commission will share information about the various outreach efforts supported by your gifts. One of the local groups is the Fellowship of Churches, which runs the Thrift Store on

Market St. and the Food Pantry on Front St. It also runs Thursday's Child in the Thrift Store building, which offers free diapers and baby clothes. Customers can visit once a month. REACH is the arm of the ministry which provides help with rent and utility bills on a temporary basis. Fellowship of Churches (FoC) facilitates the twice monthly free community meals with pick-up at Zion Lutheran Church. Finally, FoC provides the Good Friday and Thanksgiving community worship services. The Fellowship of Churches is a vital ministry in our community.



The Fellowship of Churches Thrift Store is very low on donations. Winter or summer clothing as well as household goods are welcome. Please take donations to the Front St. entrance and ring the bell. Business hours are **Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm** and **Saturday 10am-1pm**.

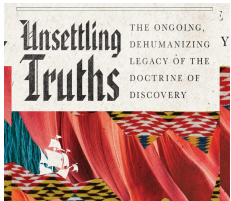
Spring Council Meeting | Sunday, March 17



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!](#)



Your **Property Commission** members are: **John Hartsough, Dave Good, Jody Sarber, Steve Hammer and Mel Sautter** (Chair). We have been focusing on replacing things around the church

that are failing due to being 24 years old (such as the kitchen refrigerator) and restoring worn areas back to a fresh look (such as the repainting of the Peace Patch hallway). The next item on our list is replacing the ceiling lights in the Family Life center and removing the wax from the FLC floor and having a new wax coating put down. We are also working on safety guidelines for the congregation and building. If you have concerns or questions regarding the building or grounds, please let a member know.



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 be sure 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.



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](#)



My name is **Braydon Hoggatt**, a sophomore at **Manchester University**, and I am the student director of the spring musical this year. We will be putting on *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. As rehearsals start, we are looking to build a choir for the show that would include community members in the area. We need several people for this production and are welcome to have anyone and everyone join in. Here are some quick details about the show:

- As a choir member, you will not be moving or standing during any of the performances
- Rehearsals are every Friday in Wine Recital Hall on the Manchester University Campus from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- The show dates are April 12th at 7:00 PM and April 13th at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM
- We will provide books and materials for all interested parties

If you are not interested in performing with us, but are interested in helping out the show financially, please feel free to contact any of the following emails:

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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 ELLIOTT**, "Green" Wasp Removal

AiL: **JANZIN CRIPE**, Chillz

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