

MCOB Newsletter

Week of Sunday, February 25, 2024

Pastoral Care: Pastor Amy 765.967.0657

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

- ♥ We celebrate with **Miriam Struble-Hedstrom** that her art will be on display at the Artlink Gallery and the Fort Wayne Museum of Art.
- ♥ We pray for comfort for the family of **Dianne** and **Devon Metzger**, who lost their niece, **Amber Enos** who unexpectedly passed away after emergency brain surgery on February 18 in Chico, CA. We pray for Amber's husband and their 4 children.
- ♥ We pray for **Robin Hendry**, wife of Pastor **David Hendry** at the **Akron Church of the Brethren**. Robin had a recurrence of cancer and had some removed on Tuesday. May Robin and David be comforted as she heals in this moment in her journey.
- ♥ We pray for **David Fairchild** as he goes through hernia surgery this Thursday, February 29.
- ♥ We pray for **those** who were in the hospital this week, **those** who are handling seasonal depression, **those** who are healing from repairs to the body. May **all** who are in acute states of medical transition be held in God's healing love.
- ♥ We pray with love for the ongoing relationship between our congregation and our sister congregation in **El Salvador, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel**. May we be a support to one another in living out our missions.
- ♥ We pray with others in our district for the **Four Mile Church of the Brethren** and the **Northern Plains District**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 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 27

- 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 28

Midweek Update | YouTube

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Pastors Luncheon at Timbercrest
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC
- 6:00 p.m. FLC Reserved
- 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Commission | Debbie's House

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- 9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer | Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive | FLC
- 5:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention | Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. FLC Reserved

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC
- 6:00 p.m. First Fridays Food Fun & Friends | FLC, Narthex, Kitchen, *please RSVP*

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

- 7:00 a.m. FLC, Narthex, Kitchen Reserved
- 2:00 p.m. Phil Orpurt Memorial Service | Timbercrest Chapel

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 - Third Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 a.m. [Worship: Encounter/Encuentro at the Temple](#)
Scripture: Mark 12:28-34
- 10:45 a.m. Peace Patch Gathering | Children's Wing
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library
- 1:00 p.m. FLC, Narthex, Kitchen Reserved

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (MAR. 3)

ATC (Room 220): Jim Chinworth: Jesus Alternative Plan
KOINONIA (Conference Room): Biblical Studies in "Luke"
QUESTERS (Chapel): "If the Church were Christian"

NURTURE NUDGE: In what ways has Jesus or the gospel teachings caught you by surprise? How did it impact the moment or your life?



Friday, March 8 at 6pm
Church Kids & their Families

We'll gather in the Narthex at 6pm for supper of corn dogs, mac n' cheese, veggies & fruit, snacks and drinks. Then, watch a movie together! Please **RSVP to Pastor Amy by March 6.**

Bring: a pillow, blanket or stuffie for movie watching comfiness.

DEACONS

Ruth Barrett
Chuck Bell
Diana Bucher
Debbie Chinworth
Jim Chinworth
Jan Fairchild
Christine Fisher

Paul Fry-Miller
Bob Gross
Becky Kreps
Tina Rieman
Donna Ritchey Martin
Anita Sautter
Diane Sincroft

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!



2024 Church Directories are available! If you connect with us online, or from further away, we are happy to mail a copy to you!

(or consider using our online pictorial directory app)

Contact Kayla in the church office to get set up, or if you have any questions.



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Executive Board Update

Reports: The 2023 year-end

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. Actual expenditures were \$26,360 less than budgeted. Taking into account all income, we ended the year with a net loss of \$3,194. This is not concerning, but something to watch carefully. The final 2023 Sing Me Home Festival financial report shows that the income far exceeded expenses, and the fund has a good amount of "seed money" to support the planned activities in 2024.

Business items included: Approval of the proposed 2024 Sing Me Home Festival; transfer of membership for Kurt Borgmann to the Goshen and Middlebury Churches of the Brethren; use of \$5,000 from the Capital Expenditures Fund for new lighting in the Family Life Center and Port Cochere (portico); and creation of a Safety Planning ad hoc committee to develop policies and practices around safety and emergencies.

Discussion items: Part of the Congregational Profile (for the pastoral search) requires the congregation review and agree to follow the Church of the Brethren Congregational Code of Ethics. This will be done at the Spring Council Meeting. Gwen reported that 72 people participated in the Wild Hopes & Dreams Table Conversations. A summary of the responses was provided for further review. This information will be helpful in the work of the Search Committee. More opportunities for congregational conversations will be planned in the future.

Pastoral Search: Members of the 2024 Pastoral Search Committee were named: Debbie Chinworth, Lila Hammer, John Hartsough, Sam Hupp, Nathan Sautter, Jim Shively (chair), and Kristen Short. Seth Hendricks and Amy Gall Ritchie will serve as ex officio members.



Our pastors invite Timbercrest residents who are members and friends of the MCOB to have lunch with their pastors **Wednesday, March 27, at noon**, in the Assembly Room. Residents interested in attending should sign up in the notebook at the Courtyard Dining Room by Wednesday, March 13.

The meal includes a salad, entrée, dessert, and beverage. Cost is \$12 per person. Full-service residents do not have to pay; neither do those with meal contracts (counts as their daily meal). Guests are welcome and should be listed on the sign-up sheet. Cost per guest is \$12.

Additional information about the lunch is in the March *Timberline*. Contact Kim Ebersole or David Doudt with any questions. We hope to see you there!



March 2: Gun Violence Prevention Organizing Meeting

Whether you or your congregation have already taken the steps to address the escalating issue of gun violence in our country or are looking to get involved, OEP's Church of the Brethren Gun Violence Prevention Action Team invites you to join our second quarterly organizing meeting on **March 2, 2024 at 1 PM ET / 12 PM CT / 11 AM MT / 10 AM PT**, specifically for gun violence prevention advocates connected to the Church of the Brethren.

Previous attendance at our quarterly meetings is not required, but we will build on work done in the previous meeting. Slides and resources from our Dec 1, 2023 meeting can be found [here](#).

What to Expect:

- Hear updates on the work of the Church of the Brethren Gun Violence Prevention Action Team
- Learn what other Church of the Brethren congregations are doing on this issue
- Reflect on your potential role in the movement and how you can contribute
- Connect with like-minded individuals from within the Church of the Brethren who share your concerns
- Get energized and empowered for the work ahead through practical skill-sharing and spiritual formation
- Collaboratively identify immediate next steps in you and your congregation's own action against gun violence

Come be part of the change. Let's work together to create a safer future for our communities.

RSVP



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, MARCH 6

CURRENT EVENTS: **KORA BEASLEY**, Medical Practicum Guatemala
AiL: **DR. STACEY YOUNG**, Manchester University President



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



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