

MCOB Newsletter

Week of Sunday, February, 2024

Pastoral Care: Pastor Amy 765.967.0657

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

- ♥ We pray for **Sue Mock** who had knee replacement surgery last week. She is recovering at home during a well-organized time of healing focus.
- ♥ We pray for **Anne Steury** who lost her sister, **Stephanie Clements**, a few weeks ago. Anne comes from a large family and Stephanie was her younger sister by 6 years. They were very close and this is a poignant loss.
- ♥ We pray for **David Young**, who is waiting for biopsy results, and continues to manage his complex health journey. May he find peace in the waiting.
- ♥ We pray for **Silvia Montecinos**, mother to **Cristian, Daniela, Angel, Melany** and baby **Alvaro**, who had gallbladder surgery Sunday in Huntington. May God bless her healing and her children.
- ♥ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel**. May the **pastors, doctors, teachers** and **volunteers** be strong for the social justice and community building work they are doing.
- ♥ We pray with others in our district for the **Burnettsville Church of the Brethren** and the **Michigan District**.
 - ♥ *Jan Wilt is grateful for your expressions of support during her ongoing health concerns. She sends thoughts of hope, joy, courage, prayer, and love to everyone where they are on their journeys.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

(office hours are from 1 - 3 pm)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 Office Open

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC
- 5:30 p.m. FLC Reserved
- 7:00 p.m. Education Commission | Conference Room
- 7:30 p.m. FLC Reserved

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 Office Open

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 Office Open

Midweek Update | YouTube

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC
- 6:00 p.m. FLC Reserved
- 7:00 p.m. Witness Commission | Video Conference

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 Office Open

- 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

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission | Video Conference

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 Office Open

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 8:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting | Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Jean Wolf Memorial Service | Timbercrest Chapel, visitation to follow

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - *What's Your Favorite Jesus Story Series*

9:30 a.m. Worship: "Story of the mustard seed"

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-32

Preacher: Seth Hendricks & Youth

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

All are welcome to join the combined class in the Sanctuary:

[MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SHARE ABOUT THEIR TRIP TO KENYA.](#)

12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (FEB. 4)

ATC (Sanctuary): Manchester University Trip to Kenya
KOINONIA (Conference Room): Biblical Studies in "Luke"
QUESTERS (Chapel): "If the church were Christian"

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE COMBINED CLASS IN THE SANCTUARY:

Katy Gray Brown & MU students share about their trip to Kenya

NURTURE NUDGE: Recall the times when God's light broke into a dark time and you felt hope, love and acceptance. Perhaps journal about this, or share it with a friend.



JEAN WOLF

MEMORIAL SERVICE

1:30 PM

TIMBERCREST CHAPEL
SATURDAY, FEB. 10

VISITATION TO FOLLOW IN ASSEMBLY ROOM



FEBRUARY 11TH

10:45AM - NOON

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WILL SHARE ABOUT THEIR TRIP TO KENYA.

FEBRUARY 18TH

10:45AM - NOON

MADALYN METZGER WILL PREACH & HOLD A COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL ABOUT HER TIME AS MODERATOR OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN.



EXECUTIVE BOARD

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*



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).

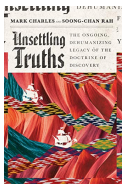
MADALYN METZGER
ANNUAL CONFERENCE MODERATOR



Church COUNCIL

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' Unsettling Truths: 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 would be to start the last week of Feb. 2024, skipping Holy Week, and ending in April. [Submit your availability here!](#)



CHURCH DIRECTORY

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.



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2024 Immediate Care Deacons

- Ruth Barrett
- Chuck Bell
- Debbie Chinworth
- Jim Chinworth
- Christine Fisher
- Paul Fry-Miller
- Bob Gross
- Becky Kreps
- 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 Reiman
- Diana Sincroft



**Commemoration with
Dr. Stacey Floyd-Thomas**
11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12,
Cordier Auditorium

This lecture explores the meaning of the man, mission, and movement of King in relationship to our troubled times. As a moral

theologian, religious leader and social activist, Dr. Floyd-Thomas will lecture about what can be gleaned as well as what hope may be found from King's lifework in addressing our present need as a country and global village as we face a looming mountain of despair.



**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."

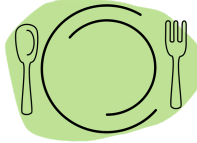
[Click Here to Register](#)

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 ?

CURRENT EVENTS: **RACHEL GROSS**, Director Death Row Support Project
Ail: **CAM KISSINGER**, Fire Chief




Timbercrest Luncheon with MCOB Pastors
Sign up by February 14

Our pastors invite Timbercrest residents who are members and friends of the MCOB to have lunch with their pastors Wednesday, February 28, at noon, in the Assembly Room. Residents interested in attending should sign up in the notebook at the Courtyard Dining Room by Wednesday, February 14.

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 February *Timberline*. Contact **Kim Ebersole** or **David Doudt** with any questions.
We hope to see you there!

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