

Week of Sunday, January 21, 2024

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

♥ We pray for **Jan Niswander Wilt**, who is facing many physical challenges. Jan is in the hospital and she welcomes our prayers.

♥ We pray for **Kayla Plott**, who spent a couple days in the ICU for seizures, high blood pressure, and PRES on the brain. She is home now, and we are supporting her as she eases back into normal office hours.

♥ We pray for **Phil Orpurt** who is back in his home at Timbercrest after having been in the hospital with pneumonia. May he continue to heal and strengthen. We give thanks for his **daughters** who were each able to come and be at his side to care for him.

♥ We pray for the family and friends of **Michael Weibel**, as we prepare to remember his life of goodwill and creativity this Saturday, January 27 at 11 am in our Sanctuary.

♥ For **our nation**, we pray with many for the **prevention of gun violence**, which is a national focus this week. We pray for the **end of wars in Gaza and Ukraine**. We pray for **peace** as tensions rise between nations that see each other as enemies. We pray for our own nation as political rhetoric from every corner begins to spin words, catch phrases, and ideologies to win votes rather than for the care of the people in need and at risk.

♥ We pray for **those who are cold and unhoused**, for **those hungry and unfed**, for those **imprisoned** and apart from those who love them.

♥ Let us be in prayer with our sister church in El Salvador, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel** for **Pastor Miguel** and **Lidia** as they labor nonstop in a growing ministry in the city and mountain communities each week.

♥ We pray with others in our district for the **Buck Creek Church of the Brethren** and the **Illinois and Wisconsin District**.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

(office hours are from 1 - 3 pm)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 22 Office Open

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

5:30 p.m. FLC Reserved

7:30 p.m. FLC Reserved

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 Office Open (weather permitting)

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, JANUARY 24 Office Open

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 | Conference Room

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 Office Open

9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer | Chapel

9:30 a.m. Preschool

5:30 p.m. FLC Reserved

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 Office Open

9:30 a.m. Preschool

12:00 p.m. FLC, Narthex, Kitchen Reserved

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

**11:30 a.m. [Michael Weibel Memorial Service](#)** | Sanctuary, visitation to follow

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

**9:30 a.m. [Worship: "Jesus calming the storm..."](#)**

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library

### SUNDAY SCHOOL (JANUARY 28)

ATC (Room 220): Pastor Gwen on Differences

**KOINONIA** (Conference Room): Biblical Studies in "Luke"

**QUESTERS** (Chapel): "If the church were Christian"

**PREK-JR. HIGH** (Children's Wing) | **SR. HIGH** (FLC Youth Room)

**NURTURE NUDGE:** Send a card, note, text, or make a phone call to someone facing a difficult moment in life. Spend time in prayer or meditation with that person in your awareness.



**FEB 4:** Pastors lead intergenerational table convos about our Wild Hopes & Dreams

**FEB 11:** Manchester University students share about their trip to Kenya

**FEB 18:** Madalyn Metzger will preach & hold combined Sunday school about her time as Moderator of the Church of the Brethren

## What's Your Favorite Jesus Story?

THINK BACK THROUGH YOUR LIFE...

IS THERE A STORY THAT JESUS TOLD - OR LIVED - THAT HAS CONTINUED TO INSPIRE YOU THROUGH THE YEARS? DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE?

## Preachers

Jan 28:

**DONNA RITCHEY MARTIN**

Feb 4:

**GENE ROOP**

Feb 11:

**PASTOR SETH & YOUTH**



## Mid-Winter Sunday School Fun

Family Rollerskating Party  
Fiesta familiar de patines

**CANCELED** *Family Roller Skating: We are unable to go forward with our plans for roller skating on January 28. The Education Commission is working at planning another event yet this winter for our children and their families.*



## EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board welcomed 4 new members at the January 17 meeting: Board Chair **Lila Hammer**, Fellowship Commission Chair **Wendy Metzger**, and Nurture Commission Co-Chairs **Mark and Anne Steury**. Lila Hammer and Treasurer **Katherine Haff** led a board training session which included a review of the MCOB By-Laws, discussion of board and commission chairs responsibilities, review of the voucher and bill-paying procedures, and ideas for increased communication from the Board and Commission chairs to the congregation.

**Business items included:** election of Mel Sautter as Board Vice Chair; setting the Spring Council meeting for 1:15 on Sunday, March 17 (following a Fellowship Meal); moving \$10,000 from Estate Funds to the Immigrant Ministry Fund; naming the Manchester Science Olympiad as recipient of the Farringer estate tithe; and approving One Great Hour of Sharing as the first quarterly offering.

**Pastoral Search:** The Board discussed next steps in the pastoral search process. The Board requested a specially called meeting with Laura Stone, District Executive Minister, to review the responsibilities of the Board and the search committee in the process. The meeting will be held prior to the February Executive Board meeting (Feb. 21). The Board discussed methods for gathering input which is needed from the congregation for the search process. Decisions about the search committee and information gathering will be determined after the meeting with the DE.

Lila Hammer, Executive Board Chair



## Michael Charles Weibel MEMORIAL SERVICE



11am  
SATURDAY  
JANUARY 27  
visitation to follow.

*Love of beauty  
is taste.  
The creation of beauty  
is art.*

LIVESTREAM & IN PERSON  
Manchester Church of the Brethren Sanctuary

# Food FUN & FRIENDS

# 6 PM

ALL are WELCOME TO JOIN US  
FOR a FUN NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP,  
GAMES, and OF COURSE FOOD.  
HOSTED BY THE FELLOWSHIP  
COMMISSION!

# Friday FEB 2 FLC & NARTHEX



Practice starts  
**MONDAY, FEB 12**  
at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary  
contact Delora Roop with  
any questions or interest!




**2024 Church Family Directories** will be coming soon and you will have the option to request a printed **Pictorial Directory!** In **February** we will have our **standard 2024 directories** available for pickup or mailing. Our standard directories contain our church family contact information, commissions, board, budget info, and local area assistance. For those who would like a copy of our **2024 Pictorial Directory** (which would include all pictures that are currently uploaded to our online Pictorial Directory for each contact)

[SIGN-UP CLICK HERE!](#)

*If you haven't updated your photo entry for our pictorial directory, get in contact with Kayla in the church office. You may see her on Sundays snapping pictures with her phone for those who haven't updated their entry with a photo yet!*

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