

MCOB Newsletter

Week of Sunday, January 28, 2024

Pastoral Care: Pastor Amy 765.967.0657

Deacon on Call: Becky Kreps 260.901.3000

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

- ♥ We give thanks that **Jan Wilt** is home from a week in the hospital. She is in Timbercrest healthcare finishing up a round of radiation, and soon to begin the first chemo treatment. Prayers, cards, expressions of care are welcomed.
- ♥ We celebrate the actions of our **Jr. and Sr. High Youth** inside and outside of the classroom. For the many ways they find their voice through areas of music, art, theater, sports, and science. Be with them in this important season of their lives.
- ♥ We pray for a quick recovery for **Pastor Seth** who has come down with Covid.
- ♥ We hold **David Young** in prayer, as he had surgery Monday, January 29 for breast lump removal and biopsy. Our prayer is that this is a non-cancerous issue. David has gone through a myriad of setbacks with his health insurance coverage, delaying needed infusions. May his body come back on track now, and may David know peace.
- ♥ We pray for **Jean Wolf** who has end stage liver cancer. She has been hospitalized this week but has returned to Timbercrest and will now receive hospice care. May God's peace be with her.
- ♥ We hold the family and friends of **Michael Weibel** in loving prayer, as they continue to adjust to the realities of their loss. Many thanks to all who made his celebration of life service and meal a meaningful and caring gathering.
- ♥ We continue to pray for all who are ill with sinus infections, colds, Covid, flu, seasonal depression, worsening conditions, and ongoing treatments. May strength, endurance, honest emotions, and good humor get everyone through.
- ♥ We give thanks for the **caregivers** and **friends** who walk alongside those who are hurting and ill.
- ♥ We pray for **social justice work** done in El Salvador by the pastors and members of our sister church, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel**.
- ♥ We pray with others in our district for the **Buffalo Church of the Brethren** and the **Northern Indiana District**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

(office hours are from 1 - 3 pm)

MONDAY, JANUARY 29 Office Open

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC
- 5:30 p.m. FLC Reserved
- 7:30 p.m. FLC Reserved

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 Office Open

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting**
- 3:30 p.m. Women's Book Group | Video Conference
- 4:00 p.m. PMPC | Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 Office Open

Midweek Update | YouTube

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC
- 6:00 p.m. FLC Reserved

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 Office Open

- 9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer | Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. SMH Working Session | Video Conference
- 3:00 p.m. Nurture Commission | Video Conference
- 5:30 p.m. FLC Reserved

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 Office Open

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 10:00 a.m. Building Reserved

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - *What's Your Favorite Jesus Story Series*

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: "Look for the light"**
Scripture: John 8: 1-11
Preacher: Gene Roop
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
All are welcome to join the combined class in the Sanctuary:
WILD HOPES & DREAMS CONVERSATIONS
- 12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (FEB. 4)

ATC (Room 220): World Cafe Discussion
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:
WILD HOPES & DREAMS CONVERSATIONS

NURTURE NUDGE: What are your practices for seeking calm? How might you offer calm to another person?



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

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

February 4TH

10:45AM - NOON

HOPES
and
DREAMS

PASTORS WILL LEAD INTERGENERATIONAL TABLE CONVOCS ABOUT OUR "WILD HOPES & DREAMS".
IDEAS - VISIONS - IMAGININGS - THOUGHTS - IDEA FRAGMENTS - INSPIRATIONS

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

Everyone is invited to gather after worship next **Sunday, February 4th**, to participate in an intergenerational activity as we revisit our "**Wild Hopes & Dreams**." The activity involves structured conversations, colored markers for drawing, moving from table to table, and chocolate! It aims to be a fun and engaging way to talk with - and listen to - each other, coalesce round ideas, and clarify interests within the congregation as we move into this season of searching for a new pastor to join our pastoral team. It won't be the same without you - so please plan to attend!

Wild Hopes & Dreams Conversation: GOALS

1. Provide a context for conversation around our wild hopes and dreams.
2. Practice listening to each other (as a useful tool pertinent to our pastoral transition).
3. Use a table circle process to facilitate conversation that moves beyond silos and creates synergistic engagement.
4. Gather information that may be pertinent to the pastoral search.
5. Provide a synopsis of the gathered information to the Commissions and the Board to inform, affirm, and inspire their work.

What's your favorite Jesus Story?

February 11:

SETH HENDRICKS & YOUTH

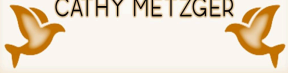


Preachers

Welcome to our new
members!

CARRIE FRY-MILLER

CATHY METZGER



I am passionate about contributing to the creation of safe space for children to grow and thrive just as this congregation creates safe space for all who come. I am grateful to officially become part of this supportive congregation. I am grateful for all the support you have shown to my family. I am grateful to become a part of this congregation that embodies such love

for one another and concern for the world. Thank you for accepting me into your community. Thank you for welcoming me with such warmth. -Carrie Fry-Miller

Cathy grew up on a farm in North Manchester with her Metzger family. She was baptized into the Eel River congregation. After attending Manchester (College) University, she spent much of her adult life as an art restorationist at the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC. Her job was to restore original paintings and discover things about them that were revealed in the restoration process. She had an impact in the art world. Her expertise was in Netherlandish art. Cathy and her wife, Beth Miller moved recently to Timbercrest. Cathy is looking forward to being a part of the intellectual and engaged life of the church. -Cathy Metzger



2024 Church Family Directories will be coming in **FEBRUARY** and you will have the option to request a special **PICTORIAL (with pictures) 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)

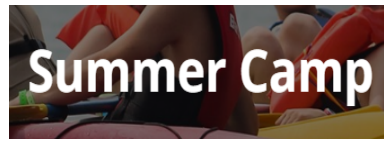
[SIGN-UP CLICK HERE!](#)

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!



VIA: MLK 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

Camp Mack has changed to using UltraCamp for registration software. Follow the instructions below to retrieve your account information. Contact the camp office at (574) 658-4831 or info@campmack.org if you need assistance.

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, then 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."

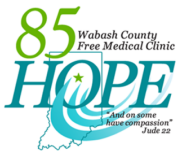
[Click Here to Register](#)

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 7

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




Executive Director Position at 85 HOPE

I wanted to let you all know that due to personal health issues, I will be resigning as Executive Director of 85 HOPE Medical Clinic within the next few months. We have just recently posted the position and I wanted to let local churches know about the opening in case anyone from your congregations would be interested in the position. As we are a faith-based organization, we would greatly appreciate local churches helping us spread the word. I have inserted the job description by clicking [HERE](#). Interested persons should send me an inquiry at director@85hope.org.

Thanks so much, church friends, for spreading the word! And even more, my sincerest thanks for your partnership and support of 85 HOPE over the past 5 years that I've been Executive Director. I've appreciated you all so much! We are trusting God to provide the right person for this position and we would greatly appreciate your prayers throughout this process.

Blessings,
Laura Spaulding, RN

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