

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

♥ **Light of the world, shine on the family of Sylvia Montecinos Alvarez, Cristian, Daniela,** as they welcome **Álvaro Rodrigo Caal Montecinos** into their family, born December 26, 2023.

♥ **Light of the world, shine on each person** who has said YES to leadership roles in this coming year, as well as each one of us in our various volunteer roles from dishwashing, Sunday morning duties, funeral dinners, commission members and teams that serve specific ministries.

♥ **Light of the world, shine on the university students and faculty** who are on their way to Kenya for the Peacemaking in Practice January term class led by **Katy Gray Brown** and her brother **Michael Brown**. Students who are connected to us include **Miriam Erbaugh, Sam Hupp, Kora Beasley, Andrew Kreps, Libby Kreps, Shayla Welch, Josh Adler, Colleen Caylor,** and **Elise Harter**. We bless their adventure, work, learning and connections.

♥ **Light of the world, shine on the students, faculty, and community members** who left last Friday to be a part of the Medical Practicum in Guatemala during this January term. Participants from our congregation include **Paul Fry-Miller, Jeff Osborne, Eric and Ben Reichenbach**.

♥ **Light of the world, shine with tender compassion on all who grieve** this day. We hold before you **David Good's** brother **Ron**, his wife **Gussie** and all their family as they grieve the loss of their 48-year-old daughter, **Kucelie**, following years of complicated health issues. Shine your comforting, warm light on all the family during this difficult time.

♥ **Light of the world, shine your healing light on Twila Beahm** who significantly damaged her ankle yesterday and is now home healing.

♥ **Light of the world, shine your light on Leland Beery** who will move to Timbercrest healthcare this Wednesday, a move necessary in light of his rapidly advancing Parkinson's symptoms. Be for him strength of mind and spirit.

♥ **Light of the world, shine on all who suffer in Gaza,** the occupied territories, Israel, and surrounding areas. We join with the Mission and Ministry Board of the Church of the Brethren who have asked us to pray for the wellbeing of **Palestinians and Israelis** worldwide.

♥ **Light of the world, shine on Vernon and Angela Stinebaugh,** longtime members of our church community and retired faculty from Manchester College, who are both in hospice in Lancaster, Pennsylvania - and are both 104 years old!

♥ **Light of the world, shine on the Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel San Raphael Health Clinic** in El Salvador, and their dedicated **medical staff** who meet a myriad of needs on a regular basis.

♥ **Light of the world will shine on us** as we pray with others in our district for the **Arcadia Atlantic Church of the Brethren** and the **Southeast District**.

♥ **Light of the world, shine on us ALL,** we pray. Fill us with the energy and power and warmth and comfort of your luminous **LIGHT** as we seek to live as your people, reflecting **YOUR** light on days that can sometimes feel cold and dreary. Shine on us, and in us and through us, we pray.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8** Office Hours 1 - 3 pm

- 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, JANUARY 9** Office Hours 1 - 3 pm

- 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. Property Commission | Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10** Office Hours 1 - 3 pm

- Midweek Update | YouTube
- Second Harvest Tailgate
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Witness Commission | Video Conference

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11** Office Hours 1 - 3 pm

- 9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer | Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 5:30 p.m. FLC Reserved
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission | Video Conference

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12** Office Hours 1 - 3 pm

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

- 9:30 a.m. [Worship: Women at the well](#)  
Scripture: John 4
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ADULTS & KIDS

ATC (ROOM 220): DAN POOLE - BETHANY SEMINARY  
 KOINONIA (CONFERENCE ROOM): BIBLICAL STUDIES IN LUKE  
 QUESTERS' (CHAPEL): "IF THE CHURCH WERE CHRISTIAN" BY PHILIP GULLEY  
 PRE K - JR. HIGH: CHILDREN'S WING    SR. HIGH: FLC YOUTH ROOM

**WE WILL BE CLOSED ON**



**MONDAY**  
**January 15, 2024**

**Nurture Nudge:** What words, poems, books have served as shining guides in your life and in your faith development? Share these with another person and listen to their list.

Join our new  
*Handbell Choir*

Some folks have expressed interest in playing handbells. Perhaps you have played before or you would like to learn how to play handbells? On **JANUARY 14** come to the **CHOIR ROOM**

following worship to talk about forming a handbell choir!

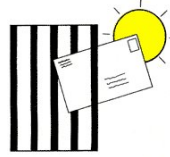
If you are unable to attend on January 14, see **Delora Roop** or phone/text her at **765-620-7605**.

**TIMBERCREST LUNCHEON WITH THE MCOB PASTORS**  
**Wednesday, January 24 at 12pm in the Assembly Room**

**Sign-up by Wednesday, January 10!**

Timbercrest residents affiliated with Manchester Church of the Brethren will have the opportunity to have lunch with the pastors. Residents interested in attending need to **SIGN-UP** in the **Notebook** at the **Courtyard Dining Room**.

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. We hope to see you there!  
Contact **Kim Ebersole** or **David Doudt** for additional information.



A message from **Rachel Gross**:

Some of you have seen in Newsline or on Facebook the announcement of my retirement from the **Death Row Support Project (DRSP)**. If you're new to our congregation and don't know what DRSP is, you can learn about it at [www.brethren.org/drsp](http://www.brethren.org/drsp). The Project was started by **Bob** and me in 1978, with support from the Church of the Brethren Washington Office. Several people in our congregation have been involved with the project – some writing letters, some helping with filing and other tasks. Thirteen years ago, I was invited to meet with a group of Timbercrest residents who were interested in writing to someone on death row. I passed around a notebook containing letters from several men on death row. One was from **Raymond Johnson**. **David Waas'** attention was caught by that letter, and he started corresponding with Raymond. And that is what led to Raymond becoming a member of our congregation. In the last few years, the project has grown, which is great; however, the energy I have for coordinating it has diminished. Our daughter **Heidi** has graciously agreed, with the help of a team of DRSP writers, to take over running the project. The **Manchester Church of the Brethren** will be a part of that team in that, going forward, DRSP's mail will come to the MCOB address. This arrangement was made in conversation with the staff and the **Witness Commission**. I am grateful to them and the congregation for the role MCOB will be playing in continuing the work of DRSP, which has impacted thousands of people – those on death row, along with the people writing to them. Through the **Office of Peacebuilding and Policy**, the **Church of the Brethren** continues its support for DRSP with web presence, postage, and sending e-newsletters.



**Mel Sautter**, Property Commission Chair, is trying to find someone who has experience in **repairing panels** (like the ones that make up

our folding wall that separates the FLC and Narthex). The drywall sub-surface (under the vinyl) has been cracked and caved in by various teams running into the wall during use of the FLC, and some panels has areas where the vinyl is torn. Mel believes someone had mentioned they had experience, but cannot recall who it was. All 5 panels need to be repaired. If you or someone you know has knowledge in this type of repair, please contact Mel Sautter, or the church office.

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**COOK OFF**

Fellowship Meal  
**January 21 @ 12PM**  
hosted by Fellowship Commission

SIGN-UP BY **January 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
IN THE **NARTHEX**, ONLINE,  
WITH **PASTOR SETH**,  
OR CONTACT THE  
**CHURCH OFFICE!**

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILI!**

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT **SUNDAY, JANUARY 14** FOR THOSE WHO REQUESTED THEM. IF YOU HAVE NOT REQUESTED ANY YET, BE SURE TO CALL OR **EMAIL** THE CHURCH OFFICE.





Manchester Church of the Brethren Worship  
**JANUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 11, 2024**



## Preachers

- JANUARY 14 > NAN ERBAUGH  
JANUARY 21 > GWEN GUSTAFSON-ZOOK  
JANUARY 28 > DONNA RITCHEY-MARTIN  
FEBRUARY 4 > GENE ROOP  
FEBRUARY 11 > SETH HENDRICKS & YOUTH

# 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?

DURING THIS SERIES WE WILL ALL BE  
INVITED TO PONDER, REFLECT, REMEMBER,  
REVISIT, AND LEAN INTO  
THE STORIES OF JESUS.

## Camp Mack January 2024

### Upcoming Events



[Register Here!](#)

#### January 8 or 10 & February 12 & 14 Homeschool Outdoor Ed Days:

- Ages: 7-14
- Price: \$25 per session if you bring a sack lunch, \$5 optional camp provided sack lunch
- Time: 10a-5p

Wear clothes that may get dirty and dress for the weather.

#### January: Mad Science STEM/STEAM Day

Learn about the tools and tricks of the experiments your favorite science show hosts use. Use all your senses while learning about simple machines, sound, energy, etc. End the day by performing your favorite experiment as part of a science show. (Registration is closed. Sign up for other upcoming homeschool days now!)

#### February: CSI/Forensics Day

Explore the history of forensics, practice observation skills, look at bias, and look into arson investigation. This is a hands-on day of inquiry.



#### February 15-18

**Winter Quilt Retreat:** Quilters of all ages gather and share their expertise and love of quilting while enjoying the tranquil scenery of Camp Mack. Bring your sewing machine, UFOs (unfinished objects), and quilting supplies. All levels of quilters are invited! Due to facility limitations and distancing preferences, space is limited to the first 24 fully-paid quilters. The first meal is on Friday.

- 3p Thursday-3p Sunday
- Cost:
  - Friday evening arrival: \$169/quilter
  - Friday morning arrival: \$187/quilter
  - Thursday arrival: \$212/quilter
- Fee includes housing and scheduled meals.
- What to bring: sewing supplies and projects, sewing machine, table light, show and tell items, bedding for a twin bed, towel, toiletries, etc.
- What's provided: 6- to 8-foot table, accessible power strip access, shared cutting tables and irons with ironing boards, devotions, etc.

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