## MCOB Newsletter

Week of Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2024 Pastoral Care: Pastor Amy 765.967.0657 Deacon on Call: Ruth Barrett 612.202.6832

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

♥ Thanks be to God for the gift of baby Ruben, his parents, his grandparents and great grandparents. We give thanks for all of our children who we teach, witness and support while they are with us.

♥ We hold **Jan Wilt** in prayer, who is now in Hospice at Timbercrest. Jan continues to lift up all of you, the artists, historians, and immigrants in prayers for the comfort, joy and peace that you need for your own circumstances.

♥ We pray for David and Shirley Rogers. David is currently being cared for by Timbercrest Healthcare.

♥ We pray for **Teresa Clingaman** who had stem cell injections in ankle yesterday morning. Her procedure went well, and now we pray for healing.

♥ We pray for **Bev Petry**, for the loss of her sister, **Janet Grossnickle**, who died on Friday.

♥ We pray for **Ann Rehrig**, for the loss of her son, **Van Gump**, who died on Friday.

♥ We pray for **Silvia Montecinos Alvarez**. She is traveling to California to see her sister, **Alison**, who faces some health concerns and is scheduled for another brain surgery on the 19th.

♥ We pray for **all** who are in long enduring experiences of pain and loss and suffering.

♥ We pause to **acknowledge** the pain of wars around the world, and pray for safety for those who seek refuge.

♥ We pray for **many** who are isolating for Covid, flu, migraines.

♥ We pray for our **search committee** as they met Sunday to embark on their work of searching for our next settled pastor.

♥ We pray for our **Muslim sisters** and **brothers** during Ramadan, a month of fasting, spiritual reflection, and community.

♥ We pray for all the chorale travelers with Debra Lynn to Italy: Debra, Joy Stiffler, Kathy and Paul Fry-Miller, Robbie and Megan Bucher, Marilyn Keiffaber, Diana and Barry Bucher, Alice Campbell, and Judy Myers-Walls..

♥ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador**, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel**.

We pray with others in our district for Bethany Theological Seminary.



GENERAL OFFERINGS January \$42,255.12 February \$62, 694.12 YTD Giving \$105,246.24

## 2024 BUDGET: \$745,693

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

- MONDAY, MARCH 11
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir | Sanctuary
- 6:15 p.m. ATC Room Reserved
- 7:00 p.m. Gaza Benefit Concert Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- 9:30 a.m. No Preschool: Spring Break
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Women's Book Group | Video Conference
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Center/Decor | Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 Midweek Update | YouTube Second Harvest Tailgate
- 9:30 a.m. No Preschool: Spring Break
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Witness Commission | Video Conference

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- 9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer | Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. No Preschool: Spring Break
- 5:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission | Video Conference

## FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- 9:30 a.m. No Preschool: Spring Break
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Soccer | FLC
- SUNDAY, MARCH 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent
- 9:30 a.m. <u>Worship: Encounter/Encuentro at a Festival</u> Scripture: John 12:20-33
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal (Green Potluck) | FLC, Narthex
- 1:15 p.m. Spring Council Meeting Sanctuary

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (MAR. 17)

ATC (Room 220): Jim Chinworth: Sermon on the Mount KOINONIA (Conference Room): Biblical Studies in "Luke" QUESTERS (Chapel): "If the Church were Christian"

NURTURE NUDGE: If God so loves us, and took the human form of Jesus to save the world, what is required of us? Belief? Action?



# Join us for a FELLOWSHIP MEAL Nest Sunday. March 17 @ 12pm YOU are encourabled to Brind '<u>Breen</u>' Inspired FOOD OFFERINGS. Donations go to the scholarships fund

HOLY WEEK





MARCH 31 <u>7:15 am</u>: Sunrise Service (Memorial Garden) <u>8:30 am</u>: Breakfast <u>9:30 am</u>: Easter Worship



Let's join together in the Sanctuary after a delicious Fellowship Meal! Hear updates from the pastors, staff, Treasurer, and the Executive Board!

The Spring Council Meeting will be livestreamed <u>HERE</u> on our YouTube channel, but it will be "unlisted". So, if you know someone who does not receive our newsletters or church emails that would like to watch online, you will need to give them the link, or have them contact the church office.



## YOUTH FUNDRAISER BUNCO NIGHT & BAKE AUCTION

SUN. MARCH 24 GPM BUNCO IS A SIMPLE, SOCIAL DICE GAME FOR ALL AGES!

COME SUPPORT YOUTH, STAY FOR FUN! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING

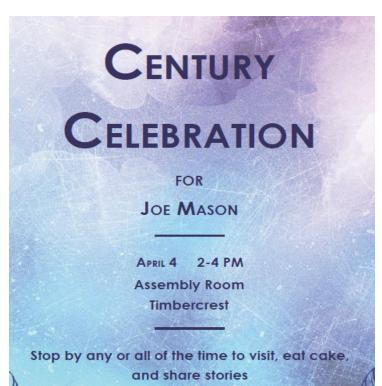
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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

## EDUCATION COMMISSION

One of the Education Commission's greatest tasks is to oversee our children's Sunday School programming. We currently have 35 children, preschool - 8th grade, and 11 teachers/helpers. On the first Sunday of each month, we begin the Sunday School hour by gathering with all of the preschool - 5th grade children in the Peach Patch. It's a time for singing, celebrating birthdays, reading a book together, and giving special announcements. In April, our focus will be on Camp Mack giving the children who have been to camp a time to talk about their experiences and encouraging others to consider attending. We continue to use the *Shine: Living in God's Light* curriculum (published through Brethren Press and MennoMedia). We have also been discussing the types of things we want to make sure our children know as they go through our Sunday School program – everything from knowing how to look up chapters and verses in the Bible, knowing the Lord's Prayer, 10 Commandments, Beatitudes, and other tenets of our Christian faith, to learning about Brethren history and practices. As we compile this list, we have been reaching out to congregation members for input. In addition to Sunday morning programming, we have been planning quarterly gatherings for the children and their families, including (so far) a pool party and movie night. Our next gathering will be after Sunday School on May 19 for outdoor activities at the church. We encourage you to take a walk through the children's wing of the church some Sunday morning. We have a wonderful group of children and adults. Good things are happening!

-Jennifer Reichenbach, Education Commission Chair



#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION—NEW** IN 2024 ACCOUNT SETUP

Go to www.campmack.org. Click the "Register" button at the top right of the page.

#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS**

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- 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 20

CURRENT EVENTS: LEONARD WILLIAMS PhD. Emeritus Political Science AiL: MPS Egg Farm, Sam Krouse



Our next Equal Exchange sale starts now. Turn in orders to Dean Beery (dgbeery@gmail.com) and money into the office by March 24. Equal Exchange is a fair-trade organization that pays partners around the world a fair price for goods, so their workers are paid appropriately, and can sell the product to us at a very competitive

price. The main products are coffee, tea and chocolate, but they offer several other items like olive oil, nuts dates and dried mango. Because we are into cooler weather, there is no surcharge for shipping the chocolate now. There will be the next order in late May. Click HERE for the Equal Exchange website where you can find all products and their normal prices.

## **ALL COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY** WORSHIP SERVICE

gifts please.....Cards Welcome

Friday, March 29th @ 12pm Zion Lutheran Church 13 W Main St. N. Manchester

> Message by Rev. Audri Svay

Rev. Nan Erbaugh

Solo Watch The Lamb

Song Leader



#### Friends,

South/Central Indiana District is invited to fill 7 volunteer spaces to rebuild homes the week of December 1-7, 2024. At this time we don't have a location, but will have the complete BDM support structure in place when that time comes! :-) Are you and folks from your congregation willing to fill these positions? Email or call Cliff.

Also, on shorter notice, we need 7 volunteers May 5-11 in Dawson Springs, KY to build new homes for families who lost theirs in tornadoes two years ago. Email or call Cliff.

Interested in the training for Children's Disaster Services? Two nearby are April 12-13 in Ankeny, IA and May 3-4 in Freeport, IL. Cliff can send you info if interested.

Blessings of peace to you! Cliff Kindy phone: 260-982-2971

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