

MCOB Newsletter

Week of Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 17, 2024

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

- ♥ We pray with joy that **Bea & John Knarr** became great grandparents for the first time on March 12. Their first great grandchild was born to **Bekah Rich** of Fort Wayne.
- ♥ We hold in prayer **all** who are managing the physical, emotional, and spiritual cares of life.
- ♥ We pray for **David & Shirley Rogers** as David continues in Timbercrest Healthcare. They are glad to see improvement.
- ♥ We pray for peace and well being for **all of our members** who are in **Timbercrest Healthcare** and **Crestwood**.
- ♥ We pray for the **Manchester University Travel Choir** that is traveling in Italy, with many of our church members included.
- ♥ We pray for **Haiti and its people** as the country's political leadership continues to be in chaos. Please pray for **L'Église des Freres d'Haiti** (the **Church of the Brethren in Haiti**) and its **pastors, congregations, church members**, and the leadership of its **National Committee**.
- ♥ We remember **Fred Bernhard**, who served as moderator in 1996 of the Church of the Brethren and in a pastorate in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. He died last week on **March 12** at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio.
- ♥ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel**.
- ♥ We join others in prayer for the **Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren**, the **Southern Ohio & Kentucky District**, and for sister **Beth Sollenberger** as she serves as Interim Director of Administration for **Atlantic Southeast District**.

GENERAL OFFERINGS

January \$42,255.12

February \$62, 691.12

YTD Giving \$105,246.24



2024 BUDGET: \$745,693

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, MARCH 18

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC
- 6:30 p.m. FLC Reserved
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir | Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting | Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Women's Book Group | Video Conference
- 6:30 p.m. Unsettling Truths Book Study | Vestibule
- 7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- Midweek Update | YouTube
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC
- 6:00 p.m. FLC Reserved
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Board | Conference Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- 9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer | Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 10:30 a.m. CBWF Relief Sewing | Narthex
- 1:00 p.m. SMH Steering Committee | Video Conference
- 5:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention | Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - Palm Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. [Worship: Encounter/Encuentro on a Donkey](#)
Scripture: Mark 11:1-11
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library
- 6:00 p.m. **BUNCO Night & Bake Auction | FLC, Narthex** (Youth Fundraiser)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (MAR. 24)

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: What astonishes you about your faith and what you believe. Find someone to tell.



YOUTH FUNDRAISER
BUNCO NIGHT & BAKE AUCTION

SUN. MARCH 24 6 PM
BUNCO IS A SIMPLE,
SOCIAL DICE GAME FOR ALL AGES!

COME SUPPORT YOUTH,
STAY FOR FUN!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING
A BAKED GOOD FOR THE AUCTION,
CONTACT SETH OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.



The Women's Book Study Group will begin a new book...

The Extended Mind: The Power of Thinking Outside the Brain

by Annie Murphy Paul

We welcome all new readers! Join us Tuesdays at 3:30pm on Zoom.

Contact **Pastor Amy** if you're interested.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

SPRING COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

On Sunday, March 17 following a delicious potluck meal, **62 congregational members** met to conduct the work of the church. The 90-minute meeting saw approval of the Fall Council Meeting minutes, a review of Section IV (pages 13-15) of the Congregational Ethics Paper, reports from **Katherine Haff** (Treasurer), **Lila Hammer** (Executive Board chair), **Jim Shively** (Pastoral Search Committee chair), as well as staff reports from Peace Patch Preschool (**Megan Sarber**, Education Commission) and our 3 wonderful pastors: **Seth**, **Amy**, and **Gwen**. Informational packets included the 2023 year end financial summary as part of the Treasurer's Report and excellent summaries of the work of the Executive Board and Commissions along with each pastor summarizing their recent work. The Agenda item garnering the most questions and discussion was the reaffirmation of the Code of Ethics which was being revisited as we submit our congregation's profile in advance of the pastoral search process. If you were unable to attend, know that as the meeting was broadcast on the MCOB Youtube channel for virtual viewing, it was also recorded for your convenience and accessibility to view at a later date. [The link is not public on YouTube, contact the office for access]. A special thank you to **Paul Nalliah** and **Tina Rieman** for opening and closing the meeting with prayer.

- Joel Eichenauer, MCOB Moderato



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.



The Pastoral Search Process Begins

The first step in the search for a new pastor is the preparation of the **Congregational Profile** which provides extensive information about our congregation to persons interested in becoming our pastor. On Sunday, March 17, the congregation was invited to provide critical information for this document through the [CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE SURVEY](#). Paper copies of the Survey were distributed and will be available at the church office and in the Narthex through **March 31st**. To keep the process moving forward, we are asking that surveys be submitted **no later than Easter Sunday, March 31**. Members of the Pastoral Search Committee will be available in the Narthex and in the classroom across from room 220 (ATC class) during the Sunday school hour every Sunday through March 31. An online survey is also available for those who prefer this format. It can be accessed [HERE](#). Or, you can type the following link into your browser: <https://forms.gle/P7yojkmgQvM8YJPRA>

Please contact **Jim Shively** (260-438-0919) or **Lila Hammer** (260-578-0393) if you need additional information.



Seniors for Peace Program
"Beyond 'We Shall Overcome': Freedom Songs and the Civil Rights Movement"

Timbercrest Chapel
10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 21
Presenter: Steve Messer

Steve's presentation will be based on his experiences teaching the Civil Rights Movement through traditional classes, travel courses, and film. Everyone is invited!

The program is sponsored by the **Timbercrest Seniors for Peace**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

LoveFeast

MARCH 28

6 PM FLC & NARTHEX

(The Sanctuary Choir will start their practice after Love Feast)

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24
6pm BUNCO

MAUNDY THURSDAY
MARCH 28
6pm LoveFeast: Narthex, FLC

Easter Sunday
MARCH 31
7:15 am: Sunrise Service (MEMORIAL GARDEN)
8:30 am: Breakfast
9:30 am: Easter Worship

CENTURY CELEBRATION

FOR
JOE MASON

APRIL 4 2-4 PM
Assembly Room
Timbercrest

Stop by any or all of the time to visit, eat cake,
and share stories

No gifts please.....Cards Welcome!



ONLINE REGISTRATION NEW 2024 ACCOUNT SETUP

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

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

ALL COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Message by
Rev. Audri Svay

Song Leader
Rev. Nan Erbaugh

Solo
Watch The Lamb



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



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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