

MCOB Newsletter

Week of Third Sunday in Lent, March 3, 2024

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

- ♥ We pray for **Teresa Clingaman**, who will have specialized injections to help severe ankle pain on Saturday March 9. May she find relief and renewed vitality with this procedure.
- ♥ We pray for **Drema** and **Barry Drudge**, who gathered with family last week to remember the life of **Drema's sister Tammy Stanley**.
- ♥ We hold the **Orpurt family** in prayer as they came together last Saturday to share in grief while celebrating the life of **Phil Orpurt**. We hold with honor his life and witness to the holy magnificence of molds, plants, and trees.
- ♥ We pray with gratitude for **David Fairchild's** surgery last Thursday.
- ♥ We hold **Ron** and **Bev Petry** and the entire **Petry family** in prayer for the death of sister-in-law **Alice Petry**. Alice died Saturday night after a long illness.
- ♥ We hold **many** in prayer as they undergo chemotherapy, physical therapy and long journeys of healing bones and various colds and flu. We give thanks for **those who accompany** and **give care** to others. May spirits and bodies be strong.
- ♥ We are filled with appreciation for the hard work of all our **youth** and **adults** who participated in the Manchester High School Beauty and the Beast production: **Miriam Struble Hedstrom, Katelyn Martynowicz, Ada Kreps-Long, Milo Hupp, Jennifer Reichenbach** and **David Hupp**. Also, with gratitude we recognize the willing service of **Joanna** and **Miriam Erbaugh** who provided childcare during the Orpurt service.
- ♥ We pause to **acknowledge** the pain of wars around the world, and safety for those who seek refuge.
- ♥ **Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria** (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), request prayers for an end to attacks and killings by Boko Haram and Fulani bandits, particularly in Chibok, Madagali, and Gombi areas, and in Plateau and Zamfara States. We pray for the **legacy of the Church of the Brethren in Puerto Rico** as changes take place to separate these historic and new congregations from the denomination. We hold **Gaza, Ukraine, and South Sudan** in hope for an end to human brutality.
- ♥ We lift up our sister church in **El Salvador, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel**, as they work for gospel peace and justice in cities and villages.
- ♥ We pray with others in our district for the **Guernsey Church of the Brethren** and the **Northern Ohio District**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, MARCH 4

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir | Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Education Commission | Conference Room
- 7:30 p.m. FLC Reserved

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

- 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. Room 213 Reserved
- 7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention | Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Kids' Movie Night | Kitchen, Narthex/Vestibule
- 7:00 p.m. Soccer | FLC

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

- 7:00 a.m. FLC, Narthex, Kitchen Reserved (all day)

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 - *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

- 9:30 a.m. [Worship: Encounter/Encuentro in the night](#)
Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-21
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library
- 2:00 p.m. FLC, Narthex, Kitchen Reserved
- 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee | Conference Room

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (MAR. 10)

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: Reflect on who or what has been the hardest to bring love to? What actions can you take this week that engage love for God, neighbor, and yourself?



Friday, March 8 at 6pm

Church Kids & their Families

We'll gather in the Narthex at 6pm for corn dogs, mac n' cheese, snacks and drinks. Then, watch a movie together!

Please **RSVP** to **Pastor Amy** by Wed., **March 6**.

Bring: a pillow, blanket or stuffie for movie watching comfiness.

DEACONS

Ruth Barrett, Paul Fry-Miller, Chuck Bell, Bob Gross, Diana Bucher,
Becky Kreps, Debbie Chinworth, Tina Rieman, Jim Chinworth,
Donna Ritchey Martin, Jan Fairchild, Anita Sautter,
Christine Fisher, Diane Sincroft

WITNESS WINDOW

Happy 50th Anniversary of On Earth Peace!




This year OEP is celebrating 50 Years through many events that you are invited to participate in. A Day of Celebration recounted OEP's history starting with M.R. Zigler, who established the Peace Academies at New Windsor to train youth in the ways of peace. OEP continues to train denominational members in peaceful nonviolence techniques (Kingian Nonviolence model) to guide beneficial change in our communities. OEP promotes greater awareness of systemic inequities due to racial (Standing with People of Color) and poverty bias (Poor People's Campaign). OEP internships and fellows train young adults seeking to further incorporate justice and peace into their lives and support the denominational efforts to prevent gun violence. OEP stands with those who are opposed, as witnessed in their becoming a member of the Supportive Networks Community for LGBTQ+ people of faith. Worship resources are created for special emphasis Sundays as OEP is grounded in "Jesus Centered Spirituality." The work of OEP gives us much to be proud of and for which to be grateful.

HOSTED BY WITNESS COMMISSION

Gaza Benefit Concert


7pm 🌸 Mon., March 11 🌸 Sanctuary

featuring:



Sadle, Les & Gwen Gustafson-Zook

Funds will be collected to support On Earth Peace Intern, Haya, and her family in Gaza.



Hosted by the **Witness Commission**: a benefit concert to help **On Earth Peace** raise money for **Haya Saleh** and her family in **Gaza**. Haya is a 23-year-old passionate activist and peace worker, beloved teacher, aspiring student, kind friend, and loving sister from Gaza, Palestine. She is a Nonviolence trainer who works with an international team. Since 2021, Haya has been an Organizing Intern and then Nonviolence Fellow with On Earth Peace.

More information about Haya and her family [HERE](#)

WAYS TO GIVE

1. We will collect an in-person offering at the event. Checks payable to MCOB with "Gaza Benefit" on the memo line.
2. Donate online [HERE](#) using the DONATE NOW button on the page.

Join us for a
FELLOWSHIP MEAL
Sunday, March 17 @ 12pm
YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING "GREEN" INSPIRED FOOD OFFERINGS.

SUNDAY MARCH 17
SPRING
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
SANCTUARY 1:15 PM



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 [HERE](#) 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.

Food, Fun, Friends. What is it? It is an informal time to eat, visit, play and build relationships. Anyone is welcome. It is intergenerational. Did we mention informal? And it IS fun. Food is provided, although a side dish is welcome, if you choose. Plenty of games are available, but if you have a favorite, bring it. The **Fellowship Commission** invites you to join us each month and you can extend the invitation to anyone!



Timbercrest residents who are members and friends of the MCOB are invited to have lunch with the pastors on **Wednesday, March 27, at noon, in the Assembly Room. Signup in the Courtyard Dining Room by: Wednesday, March 13.**



**ONLINE REGISTRATION—NEW
IN 2024
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, 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 6

CURRENT EVENTS: KORA BEASLEY, Medical Practicum Guatemala

AiL: DR. STACEY YOUNG, Manchester University President



**BRETHREN
Disaster Ministries**

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



4th SUNDAY IN LENT: MARCH 10

Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-21
IN THE NIGHT



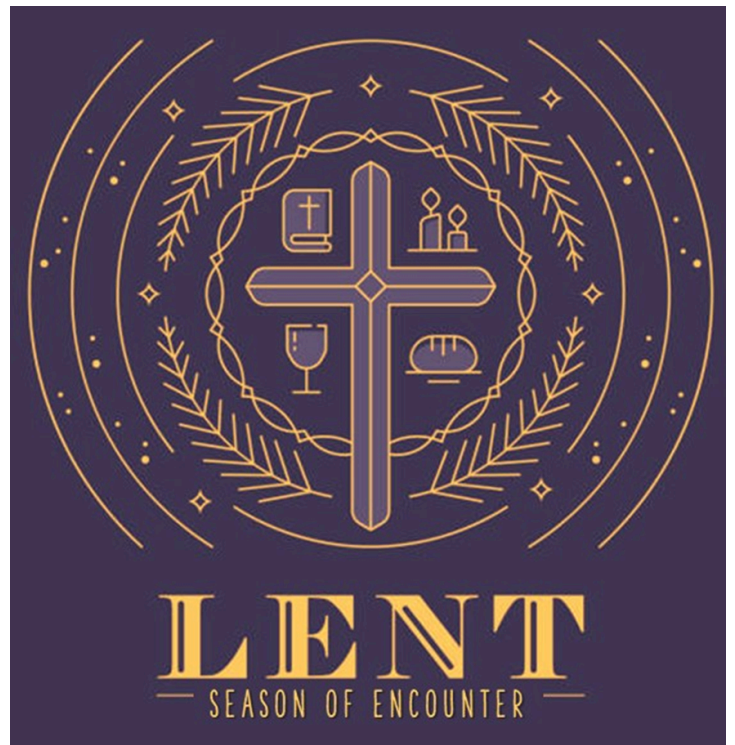
5th SUNDAY IN LENT : MARCH 17

John 12:20-33 (Passion)
AT A FESTIVAL



6th SUNDAY IN LENT : MARCH 24

MARK 11:1-11 (Palm)
ON A DONKEY



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