

# MCOB Newsletter

Week of Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

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

♥ We celebrate with **Alice Rohrer** who turned 100 Sunday, March 31. Also, we celebrate with **Joe Mason** who turns 100 on April 4, and **Grace Voorheis** celebrated 99 years on March 14!

♥ We pray with **livestream friends** for a **retired pastor** as he prepares for an aortic heart valve replacement this coming week. May God be a presence of comfort for this pastor, and provider of skill for the medical team.

♥ We pray for **David and Shirley Rogers**. For his continued health concerns and her steadfast caregiving.

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

♥ We pray with others in our district for the **Kokomo Church of the Brethren** and the **Pacific Southwest District**.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

### MONDAY, APRIL 1

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir | Sanctuary

### TUESDAY, APRIL 2

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. Unsettling Truths Book Study | Vestibule

7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Midweek Update | YouTube

9:30 a.m. No Preschool: Spring Break

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

6:00 p.m. FLC Reserved

7:30 p.m. PMPCI | Conference Room

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

9:30 a.m. No Preschool: Spring Break

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

6:30 p.m. FLC Reserved

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

9:30 a.m. No Preschool: Spring Break

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

## SUNDAY, APRIL 7

9:30 a.m. [Easter Hymn Sing Worship: "Sing a New World into Being"](#)

Text: John 20:1-31

10:45 a.m. Peace Patch Gathering | Children's Wing

12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library

### Adult Christian Education

**ATC** (Room 220): **Laura Stone** - *District Happenings*

**Koinonia** (Conference Room): *To be determined...*

**Questers** (Chapel): *To be determined...*

*Nurture Nudge*: What rises within you as you think of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus?



The Nurture Commission will be organizing **Small Groups** following Easter. Small groups are a good way to get to know other people in our congregation. Signup sheets will be available on **Sunday, April 7**.

# CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN MESSENGER

It's renewal time! For those who are up for renewal, the office needs to be notified whether you want to *continue or cancel* your current subscription by end of day **MONDAY, MAY 13**. [The list of people that are due this year can be found online here](#), and you can simply mark the box **yes** or **no** to update your renewal status. If you choose to renew, **payments are due by June 1**.

→ 1-year **\$14.50** or 2-year **\$27.00**

Please make checks payable to MCoB with "Messenger" in the memo line.

If you are not on the list above of folks that are up for renewal, this means you either have a 2-year subscription that is not due until next year, *or* you are not subscribed through the church club to receive your Messenger magazine. If you would like to sign-up with the church for your Messenger subscription please contact Kayla in the church office no later than **Monday, May 13**.

## NURTURE COMMISSION

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

One of the Nurture Commission's responsibilities is to encourage the formation of small groups within our congregation. Many people have enjoyed meaningful small group experiences in the past. In the coming weeks we hope to organize new small group activities for those interested. This is a good way to get to know people in the congregation. These are some of the plans we are envisioning...

First, we want to acknowledge all of the meaningful small groups in our congregation - both formal (Sunday School, youth, choirs, committees) and informal. We know these are important relationships and add to the vitality of the congregation.

In the coming weeks we plan to organize small groups for an opportunity to get to know others in the congregation. These will begin as a 3-week time period and could extend longer (if the group so chooses). We are naming these **Personal Storytelling Groups**. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex starting this Sunday, April 7.

Last year a number of small groups were formed based on interests. We hope new groups will form in the coming months. If there is a group you would like to see, please let us know. These could include groups related to grief, divorce/separation, single adults, or a parents group.

Occasionally, we will keep you informed of events happening in a small group setting in our community. One event is on Monday, April 8 at 1:00 pm. The **North Manchester Public Library** is hosting a **Total Eclipse Event**. Take your family or a group of friends.

*Please give us your input about small groups that are forming. We hope this will be a valuable experience for all of us!*

Nurture Commission Co-chairs, Mark & Anne Steury



**Song & Story Fest** is in Michigan this year: **Camp Brethren Heights, July 7-13**, right after the Annual Conference. Registration is available using [this online form](#). More details about Song and Story Fest can be found [here](#).

*All are welcome to attend for the full or partial week. Local folks involved:* **Brian Kruschwitz** and **Chris Good** are 2 of this year's musicians. **Anna Lisa Gross** is a storyteller, along with MCOB's former pastor, **Susan Boyer**. **Tina Rieman** and **Chris Good** are on the planning committee. **Arlene Kindy** and **Judy Gump** will be the cooks!

Email [songandstoryfest@gmail.com](mailto:songandstoryfest@gmail.com) with any questions!  
We hope to see you all at Camp Brethren Heights, July 7-13!  
~ Tina, on behalf of the entire planning committee



The youth would like to THANK the congregation for the connections at the BUNCO night and supporting them in the bake auction. \$1700 was raised! We would also like to invite you/everyone to upcoming Youth fundraisers:

- **Fellowship Meal** hosted by Youth, **April 21 at 12pm**
- **Auction** hosted by Youth, **April 28 ~ May 5**  
(Be thinking about auction items you might like to donate. Contact Seth Hendricks or the church office if you have items.)
- **Youth vs Staff/Parents Volleyball Game**, **May 19 at 6pm**

Funds raised will be used to help the youth go on FaithX service learning trips and youth conferences. A number of Sr. High youth plan to go to Portland, OR this summer. Staying at the Peace Church of the Brethren they will work with SnowCap Community Charities, an organization created to provide food, clothing, advocacy and other services to neighbors in need.

Several Jr. Highers will go to South Bend to volunteer and learn how local organizations are working to disrupt the cycle of injustice by supporting the under-resourced and providing necessities such as food, clothing, and shelter. They will stay and lead worship at the Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren.



**Save the dates!** Sing Me Home launched on Easter Sunday of 2020. Now we're excited, in this Easter season, to announce another wonderful year of Sing Me Home programming in 2024. This year we will be presenting a series of programming on the following days. Once again, all Sing Me Home events will be **FREE** - thanks to the generous support of our community.

**SEPTEMBER 13 & 14      OCTOBER 19      NOVEMBER 23**

More details and lineup announcement coming soon!





## SHEPHERD'S CENTER SPRING SCHEDULE

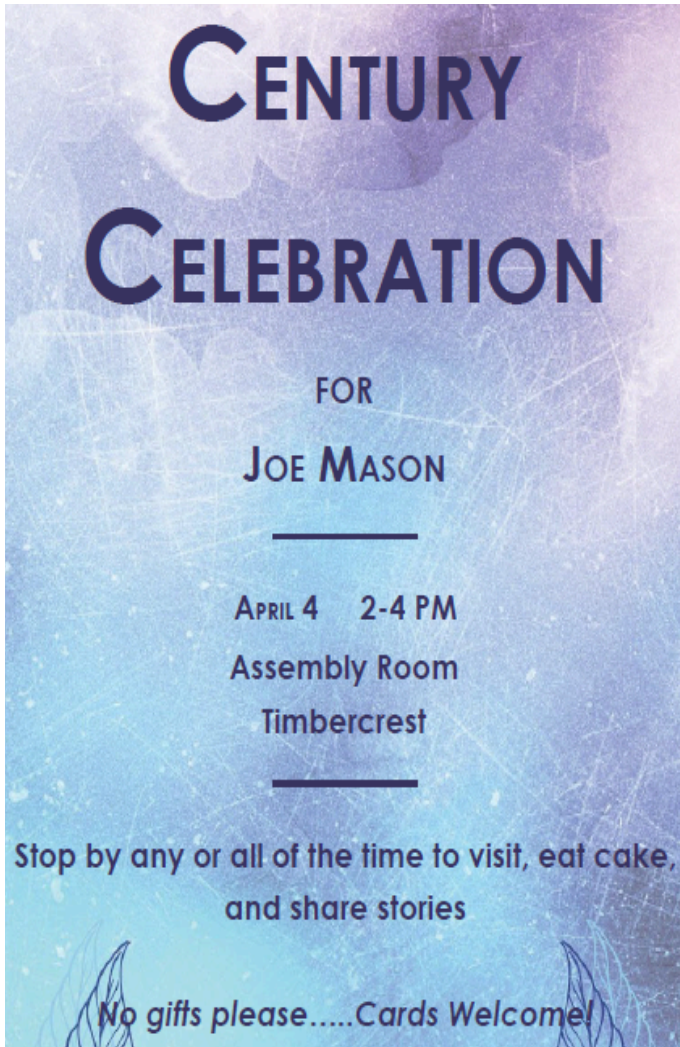
All programs are at 9:30am in the Blocher Room at the NM Public Library.

AiL means "Adventures in Learning".

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

CURRENT EVENTS: **MATT HENDRYX**, "The Invisibility of Economic Reality"

AiL: **MATT MIZE**, "A Manchester Perspective"



### ONLINE REGISTRATION NEW 2024 ACCOUNT SETUP

Go to [www.campmack.org](http://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**.



Join us for an overview of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation at **10 AM ET / 9 AM CT / 8 AM MT / 7 AM PT on April 6, 2024**. Kingian Nonviolence is an approach to conflict and community leadership that offers values and methods useful for anyone who wants to use conflict constructively in your personal life, in group settings, or in community issues and building a reconciled world.

This 2 Hour webinar covers:

- The 4 pillars of Kingian Nonviolence
- Initial introduction to the 6 Principles and 6 Steps - the "Will" and the "Skill" of Kingian Nonviolence.
- The Social Dynamics of Kingian Nonviolence

This training will be co-facilitated by **Dr. JoanMay T. Cordova** and **Kimberly Koczan**.

**RSVP**

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