

MCOB Newsletter

Week of Youth Sunday, May 5, 2024

Pastoral Care: Pastor Amy 765.967.0657

*Tim Terflinger on Vacation: April 29 - May 10

*Pastor Gwen on Vacation: April 29 - May 8

*Pastor Amy @ Camp Mack: May 6 - May 7

(leading Pastors' Sabbath Retreat)

Deacon on Call: Bob Gross 260.982.7480

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

♥ We celebrate several life milestones this month with **Evelyn Barr** and **Ruth Egolf** turning 103, and **Pauline Pobst** who turns 109. Happy Birthday to our Centenarians plus!

♥ We pray this day for **many** who are facing into or managing medical, emotional or relational turmoil. May we listen well to one another, offering support and compassion.

♥ We pray for our **Pastoral Search Committee**, this **congregation**, and **those** who are discerning a call to serve this community. May your spirit guide us every step of the way.

♥ We pray for the **many people** who have fled Haiti and taken refuge in the Dominican Republic. We request prayer especially for **those** who are grieving the deaths of family members at the hands of the armed gangs in Haiti.

♥ We pray with **EYN**, the **Church of the Brethren in Nigeria**, acknowledging the 10th anniversary of the Boko Haram kidnapping of 276 girls from a school in Chibok, the majority of whom were from EYN families. 82 of them have not yet returned, and some who have come back have struggled to recover and resume normal daily life. The kidnapping of children, women, and men has continued over the decade and has been increasing recently.

♥ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador**, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel** and with others in our district for the **Lower Deer Creek** congregation and **Shenandoah District**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, MAY 6

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice | Sanctuary

TUESDAY, MAY 7

9:30 a.m. Preschool: Animal Grams

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

3:30 p.m. Women's Book Group | Video Conference

7:00 p.m. Unsettling Truths Final Book Study | Vestibule

7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

7:00 p.m. Education Commission | Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

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, MAY 9

9:30 a.m. Preschool

5:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention | Chapel

7:00 p.m. Property Commission | Conference Room

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission | Video Conference

FRIDAY, MAY 10

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

SUNDAY, MAY 12

9:30 a.m. [Worship \(Pastor Amy preaching\)](#)

Scripture: John 21:1-19

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (MAY 12)

ATC (Room 220): **Denis Garcia** & **Kimberly Martinez**

Koinonia (Conference Room): **Lois Shattuck**, lessons from "Matthew"

Questers (Chapel): TBD (open discussions)

*Nurture Nudge: Who have been your mentors of faith?
How are you still living what they modeled for you?*



Thank you to all who have recently contributed food for funeral dinners and fellowship events! There is quite an accumulation of dishes and containers in the kitchen. Please take a moment this month to take home what's yours...

- Rachel Gross, Kitchen Coordinator



Evelyn Barr, May 8 (103)
Pauline Pobst, May 9 (109)
Ruth Egolf, 103 on May 30

Evelyn, Pauline, and Ruth all live at Timbercrest here in North Manchester (PO Box 501).

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Updates from PMPC
(Pastoral Ministry
Personnel Commission)

Our monthly work has been involved with supporting pastoral staff with identified yearly goals. This has been accomplished with a liaison member from PMPC meeting monthly with the pastor as a partner. PMPC has been having discussions concerning transition times and covered responsibilities involved with the pastoral search. We are also coordinating a thank you celebration for Pastor Gwen with Fellowship Commission.



ROMANS 16:2 (CEB)

WELCOME+ WORTHY

2024 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

DeVos Place Convention Center (Grand Rapids, MI)

July 3-7

[Click here for a guide to registering online](#)



If you are a fan of local art, visit the high school commons on Monday evening, **May 20th** between **6:00 and 8:30** for some light refreshments and to view and/or purchase amazing artwork by the high school AP artists. **Ayla Cashdollar** and **Miriam Struble-Hedstrom** from our church community will be among the featured artists!

Our church family is invited to celebrate the graduation of **Miriam Struble-Hedstrom** (from Manchester High School) on **Saturday, May 25** from **10 am - 2 pm**, at her home: 2102 East Street, North Manchester.

Miriam will be attending Juniata College in PA in the fall, majoring in Environmental Sciences and participating in music and the swim team.

All are welcome, Elizabeth Struble



What a joy to have the youth lead us in worship for National Youth Sunday! The overall theme explored the text from Jeremiah 29:11.

The text offers a blessing of hope for the future. Not a thousand individualized plans, but one for all the people of God.

A plan that might be 70 years away; which reminds us that we are all connected to each other and something beyond ourselves. **Luke Lehman** shared an original musical composition for the prelude and spoke about the value of relationship and showing genuine interest in each other's lives. **Evan Martynowitz** and **Miriam Struble-Hedstrom** talked about the impact of the National Youth Conference on their faith journeys and the values that this congregation has instilled around inclusion and a wide expression of love.

♥ The youth would like to thank the congregation for their involvement and support of their fundraising efforts! We raised about **\$1700** for the Fellowship Meal and **\$2500** for the youth auction.

♥ The youth also invite you to their last fundraiser of the season:

Youth vs Staff/Parents Volleyball Fundraiser Game (5/19 at 6pm)

Funds raised will be used to help the youth go on **FaithX** service learning trips and future youth trips, retreats, and conferences. This summer, 18 youth and young adults will travel on service learning trips to Portland and South Bend!

CONGRADULATIONS

Lucas Lehman's Graduation Open House

Saturday, May 25 from 1:00 - 4:00

3881 W 558 N, Huntington

All are welcome to join the celebration!

- Sharon Lehman



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, MAY 15

CURRENT EVENTS: **ED & MARTHA MILLER**, Galapagos Islands Travelogue



MANCHESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
& CONDUCTOR DEBRA LYNN PRESENT

CREATURES

Great and Small



"The Lark Ascending" by
Ralph Vaughan Williams
FEATURING CONCERTMASTER
ELIZABETH SMITH, VIOLIN

"Wood Notes" by William Grant Still
Overture to "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss
"And God Created Great Whales," poem for
orchestra and recorded whales by Alan Hovhaness

Sunday, May 12, 2024, 3 p.m.

Honeywell Center | 275 Market St., Wabash

\$20 general admission; free for age 18 and younger, and for MU students and employees

Purchase tickets at www.manchestersymphonyorchestra.org/tickets




**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**.

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