

MCOB NEWSLETTER



Week of Sunday, November 17, 2024

Pastor on Call: Amy Gall Ritchie 765.967.0657
Deacon on Call: Debbie Chinworth 260.402.3486
Timbercrest Host (Nov.24): Marie Willoughby

We welcome all to join in prayer...

♥ We pray for **Lydia Bucher**, who will have surgery November 21 at Riley Children's Hospital in Indy. She will have a mace attached to her colon, and part of her bowel resected. May she and her family know the support of their church family and so many others. May her medical team be blessed with sharp expertise for this tiny human we love.

♥ We pray for **Amy Fry-Miller and Brett Schall, Paul and Kathy Fry-Miller, Jan Rhoades**, and the whole family. Amy experienced some symptoms regarding her brain tumor that necessitated a trip to Cleveland for assessment.

♥ We pray with **all** who have lost loved ones in recent weeks. May your grief be held with comfort.

♥ We pray for **everyone** who is anticipating surgery and having to wait for those to happen. May God be in the waiting room with deep peace.

♥ We continue to pray for **our nation**, our **leaders**, and the **people** of this country as we prepare for the future. May we uphold our beliefs and values, and the rights of those people who will be at risk.

♥ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel** and with others in our district for the **Andrews congregation** and **Southern Pennsylvania District**.

Weekly Calendar (Office Open Mon - Fri 1 to 3pm)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:30 a.m. Preschool
10:00 a.m. Pastors Meeting
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
3:30 p.m. Women's Book Group | Video Conference
7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Midweek Update on YouTube

9:30 a.m. Preschool
12:00 p.m. Timbercrest Pastors' Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC
1:30 p.m. Worship Music Meeting
6:00 p.m. FLC Reserved
7:00 p.m. Executive Board | Conference Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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 Meeting | Chapel
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:30 a.m. Preschool
1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC
4:00 p.m. Building Reserved for SING ME HOME set-up

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

3:00 p.m. SING ME HOME CONCERT & GIFT FAIR (Church Grounds)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 Stewardship Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship (Pastor Amy preaching):
["The major and minor keys of rejoicing"](#)
Text: Philippians 4:1-7
10:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Christian Education
12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library
2:00 p.m. [Richard Wion Memorial Service](#) | Sanctuary, *visitation to follow*
7:00 p.m. Youth Group | FLC Youth Room



SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (NOV.24)

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED (Room 220)

Jim Chinworth & Tim McElwee: "The To 5 Regrets of the Dying"

KOINONIA (Conference Room)

"Samuel, Leader for a Different Tomorrow", written & led by GENE ROOP

QUESTERS (Chapel)

Wendy McFadden's Notes to the Church

[Click here for Time & Talent Survey](#)



You've heard us talk about the Time and Talent Survey, but still wonder what it is? It is how you assess the ways you can be part of our vibrant community as we live out our values and beliefs together. There are many ways to serve and uphold one another. There are so many kinds of tasks and services to step into. Do what brings you joy, maybe take on one thing that is an easy challenge. You are gratefully supported in your service!

You should be receiving our Stewardship letter and commitment card in the mail this week! Extra copies and cards will be available next Sunday. As always, please contact the church office with any questions or concerns.



— STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY —

November 24, 2024

Nurture Nudge: When we are overwhelmed by adversity and fear, feeling like everything is falling apart, pray. Speak your honest feelings to God. Listen to what those around you are unsettled by, and pray with them. Find God together.



Richard "Rich" Wion MEMORIAL SERVICE

2pm
NOV 24
SUNDAY

Manchester Church of the Brethren
IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM

[RICHARD WION MEMORIAL SERVICE LINK](#)

Paul C. Burkett Memorial Service

DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home
600 COUNTRYSIDE DRIVE
COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA

November 30
2pm



Online Pictorial Directory

Did you know? There is a directory with photos of our church members online and its a fantastic resource for acquainting ourselves with each other. You can find us on the **Instant Church Directory App** for any device. It's especially valuable for newer attendees and those online or at a distance. There's just one problem...

many pictures are missing or seriously out of date. The **Fellowship Commission** wants to make the pictorial directory more relevant, but we need your help!

Email, text, or bring a recent photo to the church.

We will also be available to take your photos on **Sundays, December 1 and 8** in the Narthex following worship. Please assist us in creating this resource!

Please start checking your contact information. Printed copies will be available starting next Sunday, November 24th in the Narthex.



Please contact the church office if you need any help updating or checking your information!

Instant Church Directory™

Executive Board Update

Lila Hammer, Executive Board chair



Envisioning Our Future: Aligning with God's Purpose
"The Aligning with God's Purpose Review and Recommendation Process is designed to help congregations understand and analyze their current state of ministry in the context of an ever-changing, post-COVID world. The goal is to create stronger and more focused congregations that know who they are, know how they are gifted by God, and know how to use those gifts to serve the world."

Who is Greg Davidson Laszakovits?

Greg Davidson Laszakovits grew up in Arizona. After completing his bachelor's degree, he joined BVS as a work camp coordinator. Feeling God's nudge, he attended Bethany Seminary and completed the Master of Divinity degree in the late 1990's. Since that time, Greg has served pastorates in Arizona, Ohio, an emerging church in Brazil, worked in the denominational Witness Office in Elgin, and served as lead pastor at the Elizabethtown (PA) Church of the Brethren for fifteen years. He knows and understands Church of the Brethren values and relationships!

Then....there was COVID. Like many other folks, Greg did a lot of inner searching during that time and decided to leave the full-time ministry to join the Leadership Institute in Green Bay, WI. With his vast experience in pastoral ministry and the knowledge he gained at the Leadership Institute, Greg felt led to use his gifts to help folks in various organizations (for-profit and not-for-profit) discern goals, identify ministries, and resolve work-place conflicts. And so, GDL Insight was formed in 2021 to provide coaching for executives, pastors, and mid-level managers, and to provide organizational planning and leadership training. Greg remains active in pastoral ministry serving as Interim with several congregations.

Greg will preach in worship and participate in Sunday School on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**. He will conduct 20-minute individual interviews throughout the remainder of Sunday and during the day on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**. These confidential interviews allow time and space for you to discuss joys, fears, hopes, and challenges about our congregation from your perspective. Zoom interviews will be available later for those who cannot meet on those two days.

Your opportunity to sign-up for an individual interview will be coming soon! Watch for information in the upcoming newsletters. Please contact Lila Hammer at ldhammer@manchester.edu or 260-578-0393 if you have questions.



Have you been thinking about how you will participate in this summer's vacation bible school? Planning starts in 2 months!



Several doors in the church building are being left propped open when all have left the building. The doors in the church have a fire rating, meaning that if a fire occurs, the flames will not spread when the doors are closed. If you are the last person to leave or the person responsible for

"locking up", please close any open doors – especially the sanctuary and kitchen doors. The large doors on the east and west sides of the narthex will close automatically in a fire, so those can remain open. Please feel free to ask any Property Commission member or Tim Terflinger if you have any questions about this. Thank you.




This year we were only given 23 *Angel Tree Tags* to fulfill. They will be placed on the round Angel Tree table in the Narthex starting this Sunday, November 24. Gifts are due back to the church no later than Wednesday, December 11 at 3pm. (We will deliver your wrapped gifts to St. Robert's Catholic Church by December 12 at 7pm).

FROM THE DESK OF
Santa Claus

ATTENTION SHOPPERS

- PLEASE UNDERSTAND YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BUY EVERY GIFT LISTED ON THE TAG YOU SELECTED. THESE ARE ALL SUGGESTIONS
- PLEASE ATTACH YOUR TAG TO YOUR GIFT WHEN YOU RETURN IT. PLEASE TAPE IT LIGHTLY
- PLEASE RETURN WRAPPED GIFTS TO ST. ROBERT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN NORTH MANCHESTER BY DECEMBER 12TH AT 7PM
- DROP OFF DAYS ARE DECEMBER 3RD AND 12TH FROM 4PM - 7PM
- PLEASE CONTACT M.A. HIRE WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT 260-578-8175
- WE THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS FOR FILLING AN ANGEL TREE TAG. YOU REALLY ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE AND PUTTING A SMILE ON THEIR FACE CHRISTMAS MORNING.

YOURS TRULY,
*North Manchester
Lions Club*



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
3-8PM FREE! ALL AGES!
MANCHESTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
1306 BECKLEY ST. N. MANCHESTER, IN
SING ME HOME PRESENTS:
LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR



KELSICOTE **JORDAN HAMILTON +**
MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY JAZZ BAND **SETH BERNARD**
ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR FEATURING **MORE INFO AT**
LOCAL ARTISAN MARKETPLACE! **SINGMEHOME.ORG**



4th Quarter Special Offering

Your gifts to the
Advent Offering support:

- The Peacebuilding and Policy Office bearing witness to the peace of Christ.
- Death Row Support Project pen pals revealing the grace of God to individuals on death row.
- Discipleship and Leadership Formation equipping the people of God through relationships, resources, and events to embody and articulate their faith.
- International partners caring for their communities and sharing the gospel.
- Brethren Volunteer Service training people of all ages to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



Sunday, December 1

A voice of hope
And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." - Luke 1:46-47, NIV

The Advent Offering highlights how we extend generosity and witness through engaging our neighbors, seeking justice, and sharing the holistic peace of Jesus Christ. It supports Core Ministries like the Peacebuilding and Policy Office, Death Row Support Project, and many more.



Death Row Support Project **Intercultural Ministries**

The 4th quarter special offering will benefit the Church of the Brethren Advent Offering, which focuses on 4 of the denomination's core ministries: Intercultural Ministries, Death Row Support Project, Office of Peacebuilding and Policy in Washington, DC, and Brethren Volunteer Service. The designated day of giving is Sunday, December 1. Thank you in advance!



The Fellowship of Churches invites you to our **Community Thanksgiving Service** on **Sunday, Nov. 24, 6pm**, at Faith Baptist Church, 1303 SR 13 West, N. Manchester. Retired pastor Luke Hunt will be the speaker. Come to sing and enjoy fellowship with neighbors.



SHEPHERD'S CENTER FALL PROGRAMS

All programs at NM Library in the Blocher Room at 9:30am. (AIL means *Adventures in Learning*)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

CURRENT EVENTS: Presidential Election Analysis - Leonard Williams, Ph.D.

AIL: The Benefits of Planning Ahead - Kelly McKee, McKee Mortuary

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Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.
*Please make sure your contact information is correct
for our upcoming 2025 Church Directory!*