

MCOB NEWSLETTER



Week of Sunday, November 10, 2024

Pastor on Call: Amy Gall Ritchie 765.967.0657

Deacon on Call: Anita Sautter

We welcome all to join in prayer...

♥ We pray with gratitude for one another, for our **deacons**, and for all who serve the ministries of this congregation.

♥ We pray for **Randy Sare**, for the peaceful death of **Karen Roberts Sare** early this morning. She was surrounded with love. The family is planning her memorial for January 10 here in the sanctuary. We have placed a candle on the communion table in her memory.

♥ We pray for **Di Wion, David Wion**, and the **Barkey family** for the death of **Rich Wion** this week on Wednesday night. A graveside service was held on Friday at the Ulerly Cemetery at Eel River Church of the Brethren. A service is planned for November 24. May God continue to surround Di in this time of loss and life transition.

♥ We pray for **Carol Burkett**, upon the death of her husband **Paul**.

♥ We pray for all among us who are caring for body and spirit as they undergo treatments, recoveries, physical therapy, and lifestyle changes. There are some who have made living location changes within Timbercrest. We pray for the family members who walk alongside them.

♥ We pray for our nation. For the division that is expressed in us/them rather than a joint effort for goodness for all. We pray for lives of faith in action as we keep our eyes wide open to the well being of the marginalized in our country. May we lean on faith and one another for our way forward, to be lights of justice in our day.

♥ We pray for our sister church, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel** and with others in our district for the Anderson congregation and Middle Pennsylvania district.

♥ Prayers of thanks to those who work with our youth as **teachers, mentors, parents**, and important **adults** in their lives.

♥ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel** and with others in our district for the **Akron congregation** and **Pacific Southwest District**.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:30 a.m. Preschool

10:00 a.m. Pastors Meeting

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

6:30 p.m. Worship Center/Decor Committee | Conference Room

7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Midweek Update on YouTube

Second Harvest Tailgate

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

1:30 p.m. Worship Music Meeting

6:00 p.m. FLC Reserved

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:30 a.m. Preschool

3:00 p.m. Nurture Commission | Video Conference

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

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

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

3:00 p.m. Building Reserved | (Laketon Lions Setup)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Laketon Lions Holiday Bazaar | Kitchen, FLC, Narthex

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

"But I am alarmed!" Jim Chinworth, preaching

Text: Mark 13:1-8

10:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Christian Education

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal | Kitchen, FLC

7:00 p.m. Youth Group | FLC Youth Room



SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (NOV. 17)

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED (Room 220) Jim Chinworth & Tim McElwee

KOINONIA (Conference Room) 10-session study on the book,:

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

QUESTERS (Chapel) Reading & Discussing the book,

"Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time" by Marcus Borg

Executive Board Update

Lila Hammer, Executive Board chair

Envisioning Our Future: Aligning with God's Purpose

At their October meeting, the Executive Board approved hiring Greg Davidson Laszakovits (GDL Insights) to lead the congregation in a ministry review and recommendation process. The following statement is taken from the agreement with Greg:

*"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**."*

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 congregants to discuss joys, fears, hopes, challenges from each person's perspective. Zoom interviews will be available later for those who cannot meet on those two days.

Greg will prepare the **Lay of the Land Report** - a comprehensive report combining the information gleaned from the individual interviews, along with analysis of critical information about attendance, membership, finances, congregational profile and surveys, staff position descriptions, and various other reports/information. The report will include recommendations for the congregation to pursue. Greg will return in early 2025 to participate in worship and present the report to the congregation.

Watch the newsletter each week for **interview signups**, to learn more about Greg Davidson Laszakovits and his work through GDL Insights, and read how this process enhances the "Wild Hopes and Dreams" information.

Please contact Lila Hammer at ldhammer@manchester.edu or 260-578-0393 if you have questions.

It is time to fill out the *Time and Talent Survey!* We have an online copy that will be linked in upcoming church emails. We will also have paper copies available on Sunday morning in the Narthex. If you want to explore new ways to volunteer but need more information, be in touch with Pastor Amy or Pastor Seth. Mark as many ways you would like to serve.



One option is Funeral Meals. We offer these meals to close family members on the day of a memorial service. If you would like to be a part of this beautiful ministry, there are lots of ways to be involved: Bring a salad or dessert, set up tables, arrange flowers for tables, serve the buffet line, purchase the main dishes from GFS, prepare designated main dish, wash dishes, serve beverages, and more.

A reminder from Property Commission:

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. THANKS!!

Looking Ahead...

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Amy Gall Ritchie preaching

Stewardship Sunday

Scripture: Philippians 4:4 - "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

Message: **The major and minor keys of rejoicing**

FoC Thanksgiving Service

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.

NURTURE NUDGE: "I'M ALL IN" MEANS WHAT TO YOU? WHAT THINGS OR BELIEFS HAVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION AND ACTION?

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
MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY JAZZ BAND
ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR FEATURING
LOCAL ARTISAN MARKETPLACE!

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SETH BERNARD
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If you would like to receive *Hannah Lehman's* monthly newsletter, during her year of Mennonite Voluntary Service, you can subscribe to receive her monthly updates. Click [HERE](#) to subscribe.

Memorial Service for Rich Wion

Sunday, November 24, 2:00pm

Visitation to follow

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Memorial Services Ahead:

Karen Roberts Sare: January 10, 2025

Paul Burkett: to be determined



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



Fellowship Potluck Meal

November 17th at noon

Turkey provided by Fellowship Commission. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish, salad and dessert.




Coming in worship

Advent

Christmas

Epiphany

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for our upcoming 2025 Church Directory!*