

Week of Sunday, October 20, 2024

Pastor on Call: Amy Gall Ritchie 765.967.0657 Deacon on Call: Chuck Bell 765.717.0822 We welcome all to join in prayer...

♥ We are grateful for sister Donna Richey Martin and her message in worship on Sunday. We pray for vision amidst the exhaustion, struggle and the "bad tired" that comes our way.

♥ We are grateful for **Joe Reilly** and his reminders to be grounded in, and proclaim, who we are in this community. Breathe in, I am alive right here. Breath out, I am at peace.

♥ We are grateful for the life of Jeanette Lahman as we celebrated her life on Saturday, October 19. We hold her family and friends in light as she still shines bright and vibrant in our midst.

♥ We pray for Edith Stone's nephew, Bradley Taylor, and his wife and 2 children. Bradley collapsed at home after having a spontaneous brain bleed as a result of an aneurysm. He had successful surgery and remains in very critical condition but each day brings optimism and hope for his recovery.

◆ We pray for **our church**. We want to continue to be a vital and strong presence in our community. May we be a voice of **hope**, **acceptance**, **love** and **compassion**.

♥ We pray for **our country** and its **leaders**. As we are embedded in this political season of change we pray for **wisdom**, **vision** and **collaboration** to prevail.

♥ We pray with **all** who are experiencing new realities in the aftermath of natural disasters around the world, for hurricane Milton and Helene that are close to many of our hearts.

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR (Office Open Mon - Fri 1 to 3pm)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir | Sanctuary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 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, OCTOBER 23

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
- 7:00 p.m. FLC Reserved

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:30 a.m. Preschool

- 12:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive | FLC (Appointment Only)
- 5:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention Meeting | Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:30 a.m. Preschool 1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 Paston Appreciation Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Worship: "Kairos" (Pastor Amy preaching) Text: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 Moment for Pastor Appreciation
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Christian Education
- 11:45 a.m. Jr. & Sr, High Youth Choral Anthem Practice with David Hupp
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal | FLC
- 2:00 p.m. Junior High Fall Gathering @ the Hartsough's
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group | FLC Youth Room

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (OCT. 27) ALL THINGS CONSIDERED (Room 220) Jim Chinworth & Ruth Barrett: continuing Standing with People of Color

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

Nurture Nudge What are the ways you recover energy when you've given your all? How does God nudge you about your current or next direction? Take a rest, friends.



Save the Date! November 3, 2024 NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY & MENTOR RECOGNITION

Junior High Youth will lead us in a Love Feast service at our 9:30am time of footwashing, a meal and communion.

In the coming weeks, you'll see the opportunity to fill out the annual **Time & Talent Survey**. This is how we are able to match your gifts to the various ministries and tasks in our church community life together. There will be an online version and paper copies available. Contact Kayla in the church office if you would like one mailed.



One of our meaningful ministries is providing a

meal for families on the day of a memorial service. We have all kinds of things you can sign up for on the Time & Talent Survey: setting tables, washing dishes, making a salad or dessert, purchasing the main dish, flowers for the tables, serving the beverages, staffing the buffet line and more. Our funeral dinner coordinator, Wendy Erbaugh, sends an email to folks to sign up for what they can offer that day. You can volunteer several hours or simply provide a part of the meal. We are looking forward to adding more folks to our meal crew! Check in with Wendy Erbaugh if you have more particular questions.

Take a rest, friends.



Jennifer and Sebastian Carrillo Cely are expecting a baby this month!

Let's shower them with diapers! Their nursery is ready, but disposable diapers are always appreciated. Please bring your gift of diapers to the round table in the narthex anytime during the month of October. <u>All sizes are needed!</u>

A note from your Church Kitchen Coordinator, **Rachel Gross...** Over the next several weeks, I will be doing some cleaning and rearranging in the kitchen and pantry. You will see temporary labels on the cupboards where items have been relocated. Thanks for your patience while I try some new arrangements. Feedback is welcome – email me at



rag144@earthlink.net or catch me on Sunday morning!

EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATE

Executive Board Update October 16 Meeting Lila Hammer, Executive Board Chair

Reports: Treasurer Katherine Haff presented end-of-September **financial information**; our spending continues to exceed contributions. At the third quarter point, our expenditures are running at 71.8% of the approved 2024 budget. The second **2024 Sing Me Home Festival** Joe Riley artist in residence events will be held at the NM Public Library and the Firehouse on Oct. 19, and Joe will participate in worship on Oct. 20. **Commission chairs** announced new members for 2025; Nurture, Jack Fisher; PMPC, Chuck Bell; Property, Jody Sarber & Steve Hammer (both continuing terms). Lila Hammer reported that the MCOB joined the **Apache Stronghold vs. U.S.** amicus brief along with 84 other religious and secular organizations. The brief was filed with the US Supreme Court on October 15.

Business items: A request from PMPC to use Ministerial Education funds to **pay credentialing renewal fees** for ordained ministers in our congregation was approved. Lists of **potential candidates** for openings on the Fellowship and Stewardship commissions were approved. Approved Nov. 24 as **Stewardship Sunday** and Dec. 1 for the **4th Quarter Special Offering.** Witness Commission was approved to provide the opportunity for members/friends to sign a **petition** to commute the death sentence of Joseph Corcoran. A request from the **Wilt Gift Committee** to hold informational meetings and ask for congregational interest in being involved in some aspect of an immigration program was approved.

Envisioning Our Future: Greg Laszakovits joined the Board for a 40-minute Zoom conversation about his work with a variety of COB congregations through GDL Insight - his coaching and consulting agency. Since completing his M.Div. from Bethany Seminary, Greg has served in the COB General Office and several churches, including 15 yrs. as lead pastor at Elizabethtown COB (VA). Greg describes his approach this way: *"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."

After the Zoom call ended, the Board **approved a motion** to "secure GDL Insight to the Manchester Church of the Brethren congregation in an Envisioning Our Future process using money from Estate Funds (3295) to cover all costs associated with this process." Further discussion included the need for some directions/outcome goals to share with Greg prior to his initial visit. And, the importance of differentiating the process Greg will lead from the "Wild Hopes and Dreams" process. Information from the "Wild Hopes and Dreams" and Congregational Survey will be shared with Greg to help him learn about our congregation. Dates for Greg's initial visit will be investigated.



Next week the Women's Book Group will begin a new book, "Women Who Run with the Wolves". Please read the intro and section 1. Contact Pastor Amy if you'd like to join!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Junior High Sunday (Love Feast led by youth) "Walk with me and work with me" Text: Matthew 11:28-30 NRSV



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Jim Chinworth preaching "Everything we have…everything? Theme: Jesus calls into question the motivation of certain scribes who abuse their positions… Text: Mark 12:38-44



years, your family or your travels. We will each take a few minutes to share the story behind the item and learn a little more about each other.



<u>OCTOBER 26, 2024</u>

Event: **Peace Plaque Dedication** Time: **2pm** Location: **Muir Peace Garden** Description: Join us for our annual Peace Studies Plaque Dedication. Enjoy refreshments, the company of the peace studies community, and a presentation about this year's honoree, Fred Rogers.



In January we will be launching the planning for June 8 Vacation Bible School. We are hoping you will take some time this fall to think about how you'll add to the day of good fun and faith formation. Will you help make the lunch, be a marketplace artisan, offer crafts, lead games, provide music, be a storyteller, offer your presence as an assistant, take a background support role? SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 Y-8PM FREE! ALL AGES! MANCHESTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN 1306 BECKLEY ST. N. MANCHESTER, IN SING ME HOME PRESENTS LIVE IN CONCERT:



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