

MCOB NEWSLETTER

Week of Sunday, September 8, 2024



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

♥ We lift prayers of sorrow and anger over yet another shooting, this time at the **Apalachee High School** in **Georgia**. We pray with sadness for the loss of students **Christian Angulo**, and **Mason Schermerhorn**, teachers **Richard Aspinwall**, and **Cristina Irimie**. We pray for the **whole community**. May guns and specifically AR15s cease to have easy access for mass destruction.

♥ We pray for **all grownups** and **children alike**, who hold the burden of depression, anger, suicidal thoughts, worry, anxiety, despair, who have been abused and are keeping secrets that hurt them. If you are experiencing difficult emotional and mental wellbeing, come and talk to your **pastors**, **deacons** and most any grownup here in our church and we will walk with you toward your wholeness. We are a community full of **empathetic witnesses**.

♥ We pray for **Mary Lutz**, for the death of **Wilson** on September 3. We are glad for his release from his physical limitations.

♥ We pray for **Vivian Ogden** who fell last Thursday, and spent a few days in the hospital. She is home now and doing well. **Vivian** and **Joe** were accompanied by **good friends** while in the ER. We give thanks for strength and healing.

♥ We pray for our **education programs**, **classrooms**, **teachers** and those who enter to learn. May there be holy awakening and change, and deepening of faith through the whole season.

♥ We hold our district conference delegates in prayer; **Lila Hammer**, **Jim Shively**, **Marilyn Kieffaber**, **Dennis Metzger**, **Bud Tully**, and **Amy Gall Ritchie**.

♥ We lift joyful prayers for **Suzy Townsend**, who turned 90 on Sunday!

♥ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador**, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel**, our partner in ministry for **40** years. And we pray with others in our district for the **Salamonie Congregation** and the **Missouri/Arkansas District**.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

11:30 a.m. Ad Hoc Safety Meeting | Conference Room

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:30 a.m. Preschool Field Trip to McClure's Orchard

10:00 a.m. Pastors' Meeting

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

3:30 p.m. Community Meal @ Zion Lutheran Church

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

7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Midweek Update on YouTube

Second Harvest Tailgate

9:30 a.m. Preschool

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (cont)

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

1:30 p.m. Worship Music Meeting

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 a.m. Preschool

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

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 District Conference at Camp Mach (Sept. 13-14)

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - SING ME HOME

5:00 p.m. SING ME HOME CONCERT FREE FOR ALL AGES!

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SEPTEMBER 14
5-9PM FREE!
ALL AGES!

FRIENDS WITH THE WEATHER
LOCAL MUSIC SHOWCASE
FOOD TRUCKS

SADIE GUSTAFSON-ZOOK
MAY ERLEWINE

MORE INFO + RSVP AT
SINGMEHOME.ORG

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:30 a.m. Worship: "Welcoming the stranger"

Scripture: Leviticus 19:33-34

Sharing: Julie Garber, Mackenzie Coulter-Kern, Beth Beery

10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School | West Wing

10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School | East Wing

ATC: 3-part series "God & Country" | Room 220

Koinonia: "Samuel, Leader for a Different Tomorrow" | Conference Room

12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library

It's time for the Fall season for the Handbell Choir! Everyone interested is invited to meet in the **Sanctuary, Monday, September 16 at 7pm**. (No prior experience is required.) Bring your calendar to check possible times for playing on a Sunday morning. If you are unable to attend on September 16, see **Delora Roop** or phone/text her at 765-620-7605.



Nurture Nudge Have you ever experienced making a stand on behalf of yourself or another person, which felt risky? What was the outcome? How did this shape you?



We have the opportunity to feed our neighbors through the Manchester Fellowship of Churches Community Meal on

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 at ZION LUTHERAN.

THE WABASH COUNTY DIVERSITY COALITION,
MANCHESTER ALIVE, 2ND FRIDAYS & MORE PRESENT

HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL



**Join us Friday, September 13th
From 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
on N. Market St.
N. Manchester, IN**



**Standing with People of Color
September 15th and 22nd**

The Witness commission of our church is organizing a time for us to have a discussion prompted by our denomination's annual conference. We would like to invite you to stay after church and Sunday School on these two successive Sundays. We are encouraging you to bring a sack lunch which we will eat before we begin our discussion. The discussion time should be under 90 minutes.

We would like to have an idea of how many to prepare for, so please sign up to declare your intention. You can do that by clicking [HERE](#). We will also have a signup sheet in the Narthex at church if that would be better for you. There will also be copies of the discussion prompts available if you can't access the PDF online.

To see a list of the conversation prompts and the model, you can click [HERE](#).

Read more about the program on the denominational website [HERE](#).



Fall Council Meeting & Fellowship Meal Sunday, September 29

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and let's join together in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. Come hear updates from the pastors, staff, and Executive Board. We will review and vote on the proposed 2025 Budget, elect leaders for our congregation. *After the meeting we will gather in the FLC for a potluck fellowship meal. All are welcome!*

Our 3rd quarter special offering will go to support Daniel's Place, our town's nonprofit organization providing respite care for persons of any age with physical and intellectual disabilities. Respite care service is critical for full-time caregivers. Currently, Daniel's Place shares space at Zion Lutheran where there is no safe outdoor space and only day services are available 7am-11pm. A major campaign is underway to build a facility able to provide 24 hour service with a fenced in yard, specialized rooms, a full kitchen, living room, play room, and 7 bedrooms. We welcome donations throughout September. with the official collection on Sunday, September, 15. Click [HERE](#) to donate online. Thank you in advance!



~Nan Erbaugh, Witness Chair

**TED & COMPANY BENEFIT PERFORMANCE
FOR ON EARTH PEACE**




Saturday, September 28 at 7:30PM ET

In Person at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren and Streaming Online

Join On Earth Peace for its 50th Anniversary celebration with a performance by Ted & Co TheaterWorks entitled, "Just Give 'Em the News."

WATCH PARTY

**JOIN US IN THE
sanctuary at
7:30PM, Saturday,
SEPTEMBER 28!**

Theme: Worship



UPCOMING WORSHIP THEMES

Worship, Sept.22 - *Who can possibly be righteous?*
Mark 9:30-37; James 3:13-4:3, 7, 8a
Amy Gall Ritchie preaching

Worship, Sept.29 - *Inclusion, not excision*
Mark 9:38-50
Jim Chinworth preaching

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