

MCOB NEWSLETTER



Week of Youth Service Sunday August 11, 2024

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

- ♥ We hold **Wilson** and **Mary Lutz** in prayer. Wilson is now on Hospice and remains in Timbercrest Healthcare. Mary is in their home in the manor, spending many hours with Wilson.
- ♥ We pray for **David Fairchild** as he recovers from hernia surgery that took place last Thursday, August 8. May his healing be swift and full.
- ♥ Let us pray for **Sarah Driver**, who is having surgery this Wednesday for breast cancer. We pray for deep peace in her heart, mind, body and soul. We pray for her medical team as they provide expert care for this major surgery and recovery.
- ♥ We pray for **all** who are undergoing treatments this week and paying attention to their bodies and spirits. We are grateful for all the **caregivers** and **friends** who walk with them.
- ♥ We hold **Karen Rowland** in prayer as she begins a driving journey to California this week. She will return in early September. We pray for the **3 grandkids** of Karen and Curt; **Cayden, Ty, and Winter**, that they experience kindness and stability, in an unstable time.
- ♥ And we pray for the **animals** we love, who have had surgery this week, and who have passed away. We are so grateful for such good companionship.
- ♥ We pray thanks to those who guide the order and mission of this congregation as **Executive Board Chair, Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Commission Chairpersons** and **Members**.
- ♥ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel** and with others in our district for the **Portland Congregation** and **Illinois/Wisconsin District**.
- ♥ And we pray for **our congregation**. It has been a week of big feelings, compassion, and concern. May we trust one another and provide acts of care when we are moved to do so. Let us not shy away from one another but live out a love that is deep and wise and present!

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

7:00 p.m. Special Called Council Meeting | Sanctuary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

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

6:30 p.m. Worship Center/Decor | Library

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

Midweek Update on YouTube

Second Harvest Tailgate

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

12:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive | FLC

1:00 p.m. SMH Steering Committee | Video Conference

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

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

9:30 a.m. [Worship Special Speaker: Dava Hensley, CoB Moderator](#)

Preacher: Laura Stone

10:45 a.m. **Combined Class in the Sanctuary: Annual Conference Report**

5:30 p.m. Peace Patch Preschool Open-House | Children's Wing

***NURTURE NUDGE** What is a formative service project that you participated in that nudged your life and faith forward? Would you do it again? Ask someone else that question and listen to their answer!*



The Education Commission is looking forward to the beginning of our 2024-25 Sunday School year. Our Sunday School kick-off for the children will be on Sunday, Sept. 8. We will begin with a special gathering in the FLC. Then, the children will go to their classrooms. After Sunday school, there will be snacks for the children & families in the Peace Patch area.

We are also inviting members of the Jubilee and Pathfinder adult Sunday School classes to gather that morning, Sept. 8, for conversation and doughnuts in the room. It's been awhile since those classes have had an organized Sunday School time, and we look forward to bringing the groups together again and exploring options for the upcoming year.

Things to watch for this fall:

Education Commission is considering bringing back a few of the children's programs that have not happened since pre-Covid days. Watch your newsletter and announcements this fall for opportunities to help with a children's Christmas program in December and/or Marketplace VBS next summer. We value these programs but also know that we will need your help to make them happen!

Finally, thank you to Randy & Brenda Self who hosted a pool part for our Sunday School children and their families on July 21. An afternoon in the sun and water was a great way to continue our church's "solar" celebration that day!

- Jennifer Reichenbach, Education Commission Chair



CAMP MACK SUNDAY AUGUST 25

10:30 **WORSHIP** on **WEDDING HILL**

12 - 1 pm **LUNCH** buffet or bring your own picnic!

12:30 - 2:30 pm **SWIMMING** and **BOATING**



Please consider being part of the team of teachers and helpers for our children's Sunday school program this year. We are looking for people to take turns leading the lessons, and assisting the kids. This is an important and formative service for our children as we raise another generation of humans who know and live God's love. **Be in touch with anyone on the Education Commission** if you have questions or are ready to make a commitment.

Education Commission → Jennifer Reichenbach, Carrie Sautter, Ann Hartsough, Megan Sarber, Deb Manges, and Pastor Amy

17 youth attended FaithX trips this summer to serve others and grow in their faith. As part of the Portland experience, we filmed a program for Brethren Voices about "What's it like to be a young person in 2024?" You can find it on their YouTube page [HERE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2JKpy5W38o) or copy this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2JKpy5W38o>

SUMMER SCHEDULE

AUGUST 18, 2024

Preacher: COB Moderator, Dava Hensley

"What's Love Got To Do With It?"

Post Worship: 10:45am Annual Conference Report

AUGUST 25, 2024

CAMP MACK SUNDAY - Outdoor Worship

10:30am @ Wedding Hill


Deacons

Sustaining Care Deacons

Diana Bucher, Jan Fairchild,
Tina Rieman, Diane Sincroft

Immediate Care Deacons

Ruth Barrett, Chuck Bell, Debbie Chinworth, Jim Chinworth,
Christine Fisher, Paul Fry-Miller, Bob Gross,
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