

MCOB NEWSLETTER

Week of Sunday, August 18, 2024



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

- ♥ We pray for **Karen and Gary Eberly's daughter and son in law, Klancey Zubowski & Jerami Summers**, on the death of Jerami's mother, **Lori Gunn**. Lori died early Saturday morning, August 17.
- ♥ We offer prayers of gratefulness for **Tina Rieman** on a smooth recovery from surgery. She gives thanks for all those who held her in prayer.
- ♥ We lift prayers of thanksgiving for surgeries and recoveries that have gone well, and where a new **wholeness** is beginning.
- ♥ We pray for **those who are discovering** unexpected health realities, and **those breathing deeply** into the truth of known health realities. We pray for **those who accompany** these moments with another.
- ♥ We pray for **our congregation** as we slowly live into our current transition, trusting that God is with us, and wisdom is guiding us.
- ♥ We offer prayers of thanks to **all who support the congregation's ministries financially** with regular tithes, special offerings, and fundraisers.
- ♥ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel**, and with others in our district for the **Pymont congregation and Northern Indiana District**.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:30 a.m. First Day of Preschool

10:00 a.m. Pastors' Meeting

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Midweek Update on YouTube

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

1:30 p.m. Worship Music Meeting

7:00 p.m. Executive Board | Conference Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

9:30 a.m. Preschool

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

9:30 a.m. First Day of Preschool

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 - CAMP MACK SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship & Baptisms (recorded and uploaded later)

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-14

We will email out the link with the recording once available.

12:00 p.m. Lunch (buffet or bring your own)

12:30 p.m. Swimming & Boating



Nurture Nudge What can you do this week to show a I Corinthians 13 kind of love, in the least likely place?

Spiritual Practice

Gathering Together for a... Spiritual Practice of I Corinthians 13

This is an opportunity for anyone to gather for group processing of the particular church circumstances of this month. This will be an experiential time of small group sharing and empathetic listening, with worship stations for artful expressions to get at deeper feelings. This will be a safe, non-judgemental space created for the emotions, thoughts, and ideas that continue to move inside of us regarding our church history, engagement of power, and how we move forward. It is offered in the spirit of I Corinthians 13 love, for all. *Anyone who wishes for one on one time with a pastor or deacon, can please let pastors Amy or Seth know.*

EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATE

The Fellowship Commission organized and sponsored an entry in the Manchester Parade on August 9th. This activity was in response to Wild Hopes and Dreams comments suggesting we look at ways to fellowship with the community. Beginning on September 29, we will resume Fellowship Meals following Sunday School. A reminder that the donation basket at these meals supports the college scholarship fund. The students receiving scholarships from the Manchester Church of the Brethren this fall are **Miriam Erbaugh, Sam Hupp, Ethan Espeset, Isaac Reichenbach, and Miriam Struble-Hedstrom**. The scholarship fund needs your support. Currently, the fund is in the red by **\$600**, and a couple more scholarships need to be paid this fall. So, we welcome your donations. If the basket isn't big enough, we'll find a bucket!



- *Wendy Erbaugh*, Fellowship Commission Chair

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!*



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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 at **ZION LUTHERAN**.

SIGN- UP HERE!



In 2022 the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference initiated a three year denomination wide study/action process to help us to better understand how we can stand with people of color. They are asking us to engage in conversation in various settings using a series of discussion prompts. They have also provided a model for conversation which emphasizes good communication skills and support for all who participate. To see a list of the conversation prompts and the model, you can click [HERE](#). You can also read more about the program on the denominational website [HERE](#).

The Witness commission of our church is organizing a time for us to have this discussion. We would like to invite you to stay after church and Sunday School on two successive Sundays in September, the 15th and 22nd. 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. If the Sunday School time works better for you (10:45am), there will also be an opportunity for a similar SWPOC discussion in October with the All Things Considered (ATC) class. You are welcome to attend one or both!



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*

Sustaining Care Deacons

Diana Bucher, Jan Fairchild, Tina Rieman, Diane Sincroft

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Ruth Barrett, Chuck Bell, Debbie Chinworth, Jim Chinworth, Christine Fisher, Paul Fry-Miller, Bob Gross, Donna Ritchey Martin, Anita Sautter



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