

MCOB NEWSLETTER

Week of Christmastide, December 29

Pastor on Call: Amy Gall Ritchie 765.967.0657

Deacon on Call: Chuck Bell

We welcome all to join in prayer...

- ♥ We pray for **Parks** and **Paula Adams**, church members out in Forest Grove, OR. Parks is now on hospice. Call Paula if you'd like to relay a message to him or send a letter. Their contact information is in the church directory.
- ♥ We pray for **Eveyn Barr** and **Jim Clark**, who are both on hospice.
- ♥ We pray with gladness with **Marilyn Groves**, who received good medical news before the holidays.
- ♥ We celebrate **Bev Petry's** 90th birthday.
- ♥ We pray for the **coming new year**, as political transitions take place, as new jobs are begun, as we reflect on our growth in the past and set aims and goals for **2025**. May we be both **realistic** and **ambitious** in setting a forward course of growth and being.
- ♥ We pray for our **families** and **everyone** who is traveling this week for holiday getaways and to see family. May they be safe with good connections.
- ♥ We pray for our sister church, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel** and with others in our district for the **Worldwide church** in 2025.

👏 One Last Thing ✨

To my Chosen Home...my Found Family,

Randy and I were so deeply moved on Sunday by your presence, Pastor Amy and Sue Mock's words, the abundance of gratitude, warm embraces, sincere laughs, **THE FOOD!** Karen Eberly, Jan Fahs, and Marilyn Kieffaber - there are no words. Wordless. Just, **THANK YOU**. Thank you for so much more than today, but for **every. single. day.**, over the last 5 years and 9 months, and all the days ahead.

With love for all of you, always, all ways,

Kayla Plott

(Administrative Assistant April 2019 - December 2024)

(MCoB Member August 2024 - present)

From the Pastoral Ministry and Personnel Commission

Kayla's last day will be January 31 as our administrative assistant. We will miss her organization and positive presence. Going forward Peg Bell, Tina Rieman, Jan Fahs and Max Mock will be covering the office. Hours will be 1:00-4:00 pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and 1:00 - 3:00 pm Tuesdays. We are grateful for their willingness to serve the church during this transition.

Essential tasks will be covered, but we expect that there will be some things missed or unable to be completed. Please thank those stepping up with an attitude of grace and patience.

Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 a.m. FLC Reserved

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 a.m. FLC Reserved

10:00 a.m. Pastors Meeting

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 **New Year's Day**
OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Midweek Update

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Worship: Pastor Amy preaching

"Home by another way"

Text: Matthew 2:1-12

10:45 a.m. Peace Patch Gathering & Children's Sunday School
Adult Christian Education

12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support Group | Library

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

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (JAN.5)

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED (Room 220) **JERRY SWEETEN: Updating his work**
KOINONIA (Conference Room) **GENE ROOP: To Egypt and Back (Matt. 2:13-23)**
QUESTERS (Chapel) **BOOK DISCUSSION: Hallelujah Anyway (chapter 4)**

Nurture NUDGE: What is your end of year wrap up? Take some time alone, in pairs, or in a group of friends, to recount what

Karen Roberts Sore MEMORIAL SERVICE

JAN 10
2 pm
FRIDAY
visitation to follow

Manchester Church of the Brethren Sanctuary
LIVESTREAM & IN PERSON



you experienced in 2024, and what your hopes are for 2025.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 at 2pm MCOB SANCTUARY



Executive Board Update

Lila Hammer, Executive Board chair



Please take part in the **Envisioning Our Future: Aligning with God's Purpose** process by signing up for a Zoom interview with **Greg Davidson Laszakovits**. During this 20 minute or less interview Greg will ask you a few simple questions:


- *What do you love about the Manchester Church of the Brethren?*
- *What are the values of Manchester COB? (No matter how things change in the world or in how ministry looks going forward, what are the aspects of the congregation that should always endure?)*
- *If you were granted one wish and could change anything about the congregation, what would you do with that wish?*

The following link will take you to a site where you can choose a time that works for you. The last date possible is January 10.

<https://calendly.com/gdlinsight/manchester-cob-interviews-with-greg>

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

We want to hear from you!

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Please make sure your contact information is correct
for our upcoming 2025 Church Directory!

For Raymond Johnson's
Family...



This is a fund that anyone can contribute into, to help Raymond's family with final wishes after his execution. If you would like to help this wish be realized, you may copy and paste the following link, or [click here](#):

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-raymond-johnsons-final-wishes>

If you have any questions, please talk with Tim McElwee, Linda Hansen or Pastor Amy. Thank you!

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