

MCOB Newsletter

Week of Sunday, July 14, 2024

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

♥ In these days of increasing violence and division in our country we pray for the better angels of our **nature** to have sway over our lives, our thoughts, our behaviors. And we pray for **all who were harmed**, in body, mind, or spirit in yesterday's shooting at the political rally in Pennsylvania. May the healing Spirit of the Holy One hover close, offering comfort and wholeness in this place of deep brokenness and division.

♥ We pray for the **family and friends of Ruth Egolf**, who celebrated her life last Wednesday. We pray that God would continue to comfort those who grieve.

♥ We lift up in prayer **all who are dealing with ongoing health struggles** as well as for **those** offering the first lines of care.

♥ We pray for **Kayla and Kathy** as they anticipate Kathy getting on Hospice at home this week. May God's sustaining power and love empower them both during this difficult time.

♥ We pray for **Brian Kruschwitz** - who is in Portland helping his parents move to a facility following a decline in his father's health. Meanwhile, we also pray for **LuAnne Harley** - who is driving to Texas with Brian's brother to offer relief and support to Brian's 47 year old sister who is dealing with stage 4 cancer.

♥ We pray with thanks for the **folks among us** who bring their personal gifts to the crafting of worship: **musicians, hymn leaders, worship leaders, children's storytellers**, and many more behind the scenes.

♥ We pray for **our families and individuals** who are in the midst of summer activities; for **those staying home** to tend to backyard gardens and enjoy local festivities as well as **those who are out and about** traveling. May we all have a sense of renewal from the change of weather and change of routine offered by these summer months.

♥ We continue to pray for the **process of calling and creating** a full pastoral team. May God lead with good timing, the candidate for our next season together as a community of faith.

♥ We pray for **our denomination** as we continue to move forward. May those with vision, hope, and centered calm lead us as we progress forward together.

♥ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel** and with others in our district for the **Pike Creek congregation and Atlantic Northeast district**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

(Office Hours: Monday - Friday 1 to 3 pm)

MONDAY, JULY 15

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting | Chapel

TUESDAY, JULY 16

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

Outside entrance under the portico will begin to be painted. Please use the FLC entrance for access to the building, or any other entrance if you have a key. Thanks!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Midweek Update | YouTube

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

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

THURSDAY, JULY 18

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

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

FRIDAY, JULY 19


1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

SUN-DAY, JULY 21 *Outdoor Morning Worship Celebration*

9:30 a.m. Worship: "God created light and saw that it was good"

Scripture: Genesis 1:4

12:00 p.m. Church Children & their Families Swim Party | Randy & Brenda Self's

 *Creativity in Community Activities: Solar Prints, Wood Burning, Sidewalk Chalk, & Yard Games*



Swim Party for Church Children & Families SUNDAY, JULY 21 from NOON - 2PM



Church children and their families will have a swim party at Randy and Brenda Self's home (1401 Villa Court). *We'll have food. You bring your floaties.* Carpool if possible as parking is limited. Contact Pastor Amy with any questions.

NURTURE NUDGE Imagine your own timeline of growth in faith and personhood. What stands out the most for you? How might you be an encouragement and an empathetic witness to another person?

UPDATE from PMPC

(Pastoral Ministry Personnel Commission)



We are navigating through transitions as we celebrate the year Gwen has walked with us and shared many meaningful times and memories. July 28 will be a day we join together to remember, celebrate, dance, share a fruit salad, and give Gwen personal cards of appreciation and best wishes.

The "between times" brings the opportunity to think creatively and try something new to fill our needs. We have created an Interim Worship Planner position that will be half time. PMPC was excited when Jim Chinworth agreed to accept this role. Some of the essential job functions include:

- ★ Leads the worship team. Responsible for planning and carrying out weekly service.
- ★ Plans worship themes and leadership two or three months in advance.
- ★ Preaches two times each month.
- ★ Coordinates worship and children's time leaders.
- ★ Communicates Sunday morning service details and setup needs to participants.
- ★ Oversees and is responsible for weekly worship details.
- ★ Participates in monthly PMPC meetings.

We look forward to this "between time" opportunity as we continue to be the Manchester Church of the Brethren.

Sue Mock, Chair of PMPC



Camp Mack Sunday Lunch Sign-Up (August 25)

Please **SIGN-UP** if you would like to eat the provided lunch at Camp Mack after worship at **12PM (noon) on SUNDAY, AUGUST 25.**

Please list each individual name. If listing children please include age.

Payment must be received in the office no later than **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4** or we will have to remove your group from the sign-up list.

Adults \$13 | Kids (3-8) \$6.50 | Under 3 FREE



CAMP MACK SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AUGUST 25

WEDDING HILL 10:30

LUNCH 12 - 1 ([signup required](#))

SWIMMING & BOATING 12:30 - 2:30

If you plan on swimming or boating please let a staff member know that morning when you arrive.



Witness Window...

We have almost 1200 rolls of toilet paper. Currently we have 12 bottles of shampoo. That means we just need **88** to meet our goal! It is definitely within reach. Thanks for helping our neighbors.

-Nan Erbaugh

SAVE THE DATE!

July 28 after worship: Come celebrate Pastor Gwen's ministry among us, and send her on with blessings for the journey. Gwen will lead us in *Dances of Universal Peace* in the narthex and then we will share fresh fruit salad and tea. Please bring cut up fruit to add to the "stone soup" salad. Cards for you to write notes of *thanks* and *best wishes* to Pastor Gwen will be available on the credenza outside the sanctuary for the next several weeks. ♥

SING ME HOME 2024

FRIDAY SEPT 13 HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL FEATURING SON CHIQUITOS	SATURDAY SEPT 14 UZIMA! SABIE GUSTAFSSON-ZOOK MAY EREWINE	SAT-SUN, OCT 19-20 JOE REILLY ARTIST IN RESIDENCE	SATURDAY NOV 23 ARTISAN MARKETPLACE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY JAZZ COMBO KELSICOTE SETH BERNARD + JORDAN HAMILTON
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ALL EVENTS FREE + ALL AGES
 MORE INFO AT SINGMEHOME.ORG
 PRESENTED BY
 FRIENDS WITH THE WEATHER +
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SING ME HOME 2024 Line-up Announcement!!

We are excited to welcome new and familiar faces this fall. More information and RSVPs: www.singmehome.org



Our Communal "Creativity in Community" Art Project is almost done! This is our last Sunday to add creative contributions of a quarter circle/square. After this Sunday we will create a border around it to signal its completion. Thanks for all the creative energy that has gone into visual portrayal of our life together!

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Dear Valued Subscriber,

We pray this message finds you well. We are writing to apologize for the delay in the delivery of the July-August issue of *The Upper Room* daily devotional guide. Due to an error with our systems, your subscription did not arrive as scheduled. We deeply regret any inconvenience this may have caused. We understand how important *The Upper Room* devotional is to your daily routine and spiritual nourishment.

Please be assured that we are taking immediate steps to rectify this situation. Your subscription is on its way to you now and should arrive in the coming days. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

In order to better serve you, we kindly request that you refrain from contacting our customer care team regarding this issue, as they are currently addressing a high volume of inquiries. Our team is working diligently to ensure timely delivery of your future issues.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a valued member of The Upper Room community. May God sustain you with grace and love in these days.

Blessings,

The Upper Room

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UNITY NOT UNIFORMITY!

John 17:20-26

2024 District Conference

September 13 and 14

Camp Mack, Milford, IN


Moderator: Bruce Dunk

Fellowship, service, and learning activities for everyone on Friday (see below); worship, business and insight sessions on Saturday.

Plan to come for the whole weekend and have a staycation at Camp Mack!

Delegate Designation forms have been sent to all district churches; check with your church about your registration if you're a delegate.

Non-delegate forms are available at:
<https://www.scindcob.org/district-conference>
or contact the district office for a paper copy.

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