

# MCOB Newsletter

Week of Sunday, June 9, 2024

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

♥ We hold **Jane** and **Jeff Hunn** in prayers of support, for the death of Jane's sister in law, **Char Cross**. Jane has been providing compassionate support for Char, and her two nieces, during this precious time of Char being a transplant recipient and then offering the gift of life through organ donation.

♥ We pray for **Max** and **Sue Mock**, **Brent**, **Ashley**, **Edie** and **Julian**, on the sudden and unexpected death of Max's sister, **Lana**. Lana and her partner **Suzanne** have been and are vibrant members of the family and the pain of this loss is heavy. Max and Sue are currently in South Carolina with Suzanne for the next couple weeks. May God be a comfort.

♥ We pray for **Kathy Plott**, who is facing cancer along with her other concerns. We hold Kayla in our supportive love as she continues as the primary full-time caregiver.

♥ May we surround **all who are grieving** and **caregiving** with love in action.

♥ We bless our **15 youth** who are left at 6:30 am Monday, June 10 for a service learning trip to Portland: **Ali Barkey**, **Dylan Barkey**, **Parker Bonifield**, **Gabriel Case**, **Ayla Cashdollar**, **Joanna Erbaugh**, **Jonah Fourman**, **Ada Kreps-Long**, **Evan Martynowicz**, **Katelyn Martynowicz**, **Maggie Onderko-White**, **Lauryn Reichenbach**, **Caleb Sautter**, **Ethan Spencer**, **Miriam Struble-Hedstrom** and **Seth Hendricks** as their advisor. They will work with organizations that serve those in the area in need of food, shelter, clothing and advocacy.

♥ We pray alongside the **LGBTQIA** community during **PRIDE** Month, for joyful, respectful, loving, safe spaces and relationships all around.

♥ We pray for the towns that we live in: **Huntington**, **Warsaw**, **North Manchester**, **Laketon**, **New Orleans**, **San Diego**, **Lafayette**, **Fort Wayne**, **Portland**, **Ashland**, and all the cities and towns and countrysides represented by all who worship with us; for the unique human interactions in those places, the needs of folks on the margins, and how we might each be witnesses to a faith that calls us to be peacemakers and community builders. May our reach be wide and full.

♥ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador**, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel**.

♥ We join with others in our district for the **Nettle Creek** congregation and the **Virlina District**.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

**MONDAY, JUN 10** (Sr. High FaithX Service Trip Jun 10-16)

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

**TUESDAY, JUN 11**

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

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

6:30 p.m. Worship Center/Decor | Conference Room

## WEDNESDAY, JUN 12

Midweek Update | YouTube

Second Harvest Tailgate

10:00 a.m. Witness Commission | Video Conference

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

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

## THURSDAY, JUN 13

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

## FRIDAY, JUN 14

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

## SUNDAY, JUNE 16 - Special Quarterly Offering

9:30 a.m. **Worship: "Found in Fiber"**

Scripture: Proverbs 31

10:45 a.m. **Creativity in Community Activity: Friendship Bracelets/Quilt Tying**

12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library



**NURTURE NUDGE** Invite another person into a creative venture with you. Explore color, texture, and creating together. Maybe turn an disagreeable object into something new for delight. Reflect on how all things can be turned into plowshares.

## 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, Donna Ritchey Martin, Anita Sautter



The Education Commission is planning for the upcoming Sunday School year. We are hoping for plenty of caring adults to share in the teaching and helping each week. This is such a great opportunity for our kids to know more adults that shape their faith, and for the adults to be shaped by the wonder of each of our children!

WE BELIEVE IN A WORLD OF PLENTY,  
NO PERSON SHOULD GO HUNGRY.



GROWING  
HOPE  
GLOBALLY

SPECIAL QUARTERLY OFFERING  
SUNDAY, JUNE 16

DONATE ONLINE

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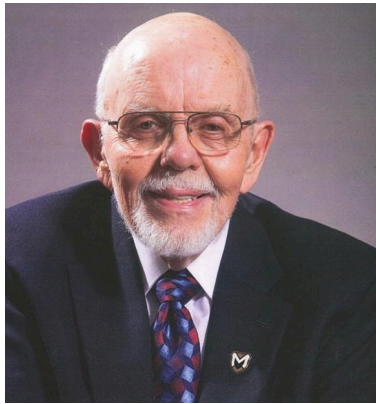
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**The Jan Niswander Wilt Estate Gift:** During the brief time Jan Wilt worshiped with us, she found care and support among us. Thank you to those who walked with Jan following the sudden death of her husband, her cancer diagnosis, and her final days.

Many of you have heard about the very generous gift we have been offered through Jan's estate. All non-cash and restricted gifts to the church are vetted through the process outlined in our Gift Acceptance Policy. Because this gift comes with specific instructions for its use, an ad hoc committee will be conducting a feasibility study to determine our ability to meet the requirements of the gift. We are so grateful for the opportunity Jan has given us to dream big dreams. Information will be shared through the newsletter. Contact Lila Hammer with any questions, Executive Board Chair at: [LDHammer@manchester.edu](mailto:LDHammer@manchester.edu) or 260-578-0393 (call or text).



*Wilbur McFadden*  
MEMORIAL SERVICE

1 pm  
SATURDAY, JUNE 22

IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM

[Manchester Church of the Brethren Sanctuary](#)

7PM  
JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP EVENING**

CREATIVITY IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITY:  
SMORE'S BAR & TIE DYE

**SING ME HOME 2024**

FRIDAY SEPT 13  
HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL  
FEATURING SON CHIQUITOS

SATURDAY SEPT 14  
UZIMA!  
SADIE GUSTAFSON-ZOOK  
MAY ERLEWINE

SAT-SUN, OCT 19-20  
JOE REILLY  
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

SATURDAY NOV 23  
ARTISAN MARKETPLACE  
MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY JAZZ COMBO  
KELSCOTE  
SETH BERNARD + JORDAN HAMILTON

ALL EVENTS FREE + ALL AGES  
MORE INFO AT [SINGMEHOME.ORG](http://singmehome.org)

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FRIENDS WITH THE WEATHER +  
MANCHESTER CHURCH OF THE BROTHERS

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](http://www.singmehome.org)



Join us after worship on **July 28** to celebrate Pastor Gwen's ministry among us, and send her on with blessings for the journey. Pastor 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. ♥



Our next Equal Exchange sale starts now. Turn in orders to [Dean Beery](#) and money into the church by **JUNE 21**. Equal Exchange is a fair-trade organization that pays partners around the world a fair price for goods, so their workers are paid appropriately, and can sell the product to us at a very competitive price.

The main products are coffee, tea and chocolate, but they offer several other items like olive oil, nuts dates and dried mango. Click [HERE](#) for their website (<http://shop.equalexchange.coop/>) where you can find all products and their normal prices.



Our Communal "Creativity in Community" Art Project is taking shape. We invite those near and at a distance to join in the project. Design as many quarter circle sheets as the spirit leads. We will see it come to life on the wall in the narthex throughout the summer. Contact the church office if you have questions.

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## CREATIVITY IN COMMUNITY

June 16: Friendship Bracelets/Tying Quilts  
June 23: (Outdoor/Evening Worship): S'mores & Tie Dye  
June 30: Annual Conference Kids Lunch Bags Project

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Dear Friend,

**What a great first week of our 3000 Miles for Peace event!**

**This week, participants have collectively gone 1101 miles (we're in Iowa!) and raised \$11,705! You can still join us anytime this month. Free registration is still available using the code onearthpeace [when you signup on Racery!](#)**

Money raised through the 3000 Miles for Peace event will go towards the 2024 budget and to the Paul Ziegler Young Peacemaker Fund endowment.

Sponsors for this event:

- Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren
- McPherson College
- LaVerne Church of the Brethren Games & Goodies Group
- On Earth Peace Intern Alumni
- Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBTQ Interests
- On Earth Peace Board of Directors
- Gary & Darlene (Smith) Meyers and Chris & Linda (Smith) Lumsden in Memory of Harold Smith

On Earth Peace <https://www.onearthpeace.org/>

