

MCOB Newsletter

Week of Sunday, May 12, 2024

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

♥ **The stories make up our lives;** Stories of celebration and accomplishment - as well as stories of struggle and pain.

♥ This week we celebrate with **Justin Self** who graduated yesterday from Valparaiso University, double majoring in environmental science and data science.

♥ We also celebrate with **Calvin Brown**, as he graduates from **Mahindra United World College in India**. After graduation, Calvin plans to enter Brethren Volunteer Service in Northern Ireland. And we pray for **Katy Gray Brown and David Hupp** as they travel to India to celebrate with Calvin.

♥ And we celebrate with **Haya, from Gaza**, who, as of earlier this week, is now reunited with her mother, her brother, and her sister in Cairo. We continue to pray for them as they celebrate the fact that they are alive and together - and as they live with the trauma that is now deep seeded in their bones.

♥ We pray for our brother **Raymond Johnson**, whose execution date has now been set for March 2026. We pray for all those who are living their lives on death row, praying for courage and love to sustain them. And we pray for their mothers and their families who accompany them from a distance on this hard road.

♥ We hold **others in our community** who are experiencing concerns about their physical health and wellbeing, as they navigate appointments and procedures. Many prefer to quietly care for themselves, letting a small circle of support in, and we offer our prayers into that space.

♥ We pray for the **Church of the Brethren congregations** in Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, as well as for our sister church, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel.

♥ We also pray for the **Southeastern District** of the Church of the Brethren and gratefully receive the prayers from around the district for our congregation this morning.

♥ During this week of Mother's Day, when our culture celebrates **Mothers everywhere**, a practice that began as an anti-war movement following the Civil War, bringing together mothers whose sons had died on both sides of the hostilities, we call to mind all those who have mothered us along our journeys, praying with gratitude for mothers everywhere; praying for peace everywhere.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, MAY 13

11:30 a.m. Ad Hoc Safety Meeting | Conference Room

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

6:30 p.m. Final Handbell Choir Practice | Sanctuary

TUESDAY, MAY 14

9:30 a.m. Preschool: Zoo Field Trip

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

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

TUESDAY, MAY 14 (continued)

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

7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Midweek Update | YouTube

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

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

THURSDAY, MAY 16

9:30 a.m. Preschool: Last Day for Ms. Katelin's Class

10:30 a.m. CBWF: Relief Sewing | Narthex

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

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

FRIDAY, MAY 17

9:30 a.m. Preschool: Last Day for Ms. Ashley's Class

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

2:00 p.m. Timbercrest Choir Annual Spring Concert | Assembly Room

SUNDAY, MAY 19 Pentecost SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. **Worship**

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21; Ezekiel 37:1-14

(wear red, orange, or yellow to church)



10:45 a.m. Last Day of Sunday School (Lunch & Fun with Families)

12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library

4:00 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee | Conference Room

6:00 p.m. Youth vs Staff/Parents Volleyball Fundraiser | FLC

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (MAY 19)

ATC (Room 220): **Denis Garcia & Kimberly Martinez** (rescheduled)

Koinonia (Conference Room): **Everett Shattuck**, lessons from "Matthew"

Questers (Chapel): **NO CLASS**



*Dear Manchester Church of the Brethren,
Thank you for the many birthday cards. I have enjoyed looking through them and thinking of all of you. We had a good time at my birthday party. It was wonderful that my whole family was able to attend. Blessings to all of you. Love, Alice Rohrer*



Timbercrest Annual
Spring Concert
Friday, May 17 at 2 pm
Assembly Room
All are welcome!

EXECUTIVE BOARD

WORSHIP CENTER & DECOR COMMITTEE

The 6 members of the committee are charged with the tasks of creating the worship center on the communion table each week, and updating the decor of the other common areas of the church (seasonally).

The committee meets monthly to read the scripture for each Sunday, share thoughts & ideas, and work together to create a visual representation of the theme for the congregation. Each person on the committee willingly shares their unique gifts and creativity with each other and the congregation. It is a delight to work together creating beauty and meaning.
-Karen Eberly, Chairperson



TUESDAY, MAY 28



The Women's Book Group will begin,
"God is a Black Woman"
by Dr. Christina Cleveland.

Join them on Tuesdays at 3:30pm.
Contact Pastor Amy
for the Zoom link!



ROMANS 16:2 (CEB)

WELCOME+ WORTHY

2024 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

DeVos Place Convention Center (Grand Rapids, MI)
July 3-7

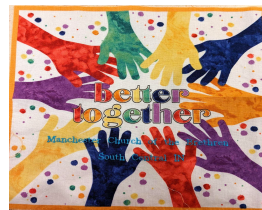
[Click here for a guide to registering online](#)



WITNESS WINDOW..

The outreach donations Witness makes fall into 2 categories:
Global Outreach & Local Outreach.
Local includes Habitat for Humanity, Shepherd's Center, Education for Conflict Resolution (including school mediations), Meals on Wheels, Manchester Early Learning

Center, and the Fellowship of Churches. These organizations provide services for all, including help with housing, mediation, day care, education, food insecurity, financial crises, and access to inexpensive clothing needs. It is a privilege to help these organizations serve our community.
- Nan Erbaugh, Witness Chair



This Quilt Tile (left) was made by Coreen Spencer for the quilting area at the Annual Conference this year.

DO YOU LIKE ART?

If you are a fan of local art, visit the high school commons on Monday evening, **May 20th** between **6:00 and 8:30** for some light refreshments and to view and/or purchase amazing artwork by the high school AP artists. **Ayla Cashdollar** and **Miriam Struble-Hedstrom** from our church community will be among the featured artists!



Our church family is invited to celebrate the graduation of **Miriam Struble-Hedstrom** (from Manchester High School) on **Saturday, May 25** from **10 am - 2 pm**, at her home: 2102 East Street, North Manchester.

Miriam will be attending Juniata College in PA in the fall, majoring in Environmental Sciences and participating in music and the swim team.

All are welcome, Elizabeth Struble



What a joy to have the youth lead us in worship for National Youth Sunday! The overall theme explored the text from Jeremiah 29:11.

The text offers a blessing of hope for the future. Not a thousand individualized plans, but one for all the people of God. A plan that might be 70 years

away; which reminds us that we are all connected to each other and something beyond ourselves. Luke Lehman shared an original musical composition for the prelude and spoke about the value of relationship and showing genuine interest in each other's lives. Evan Martynowitz and Miriam Struble-Hedstrom talked about the impact of the National Youth Conference on their faith journeys and the values that this congregation has instilled around inclusion and a wide expression of love.

♥ *The youth would like to thank the congregation for their involvement and support of their fundraising efforts! We raised about \$1700 for the Fellowship Meal and \$2500 for the youth auction.*

♥ *The youth also invite you to their last fundraiser of the season: Youth vs Staff/Parents Volleyball Fundraiser Game (5/19 at 6pm)*

Funds raised will be used to help the youth go on FaithX service learning trips and future youth trips, retreats, and conferences. This summer, 18 youth and young adults will travel on service learning trips to Portland and South Bend!
- Pastor Seth

Lucas Lehman's

Graduation Open House

*Saturday, May 25 from
1:00 - 4:00*

3881 W 558 N, Huntington

All are welcome to join the celebration!



SHEPHERD'S CENTER SPRING SCHEDULE

All programs are at 9:30am in the Blocher Room at the NM Public Library.

Ail means "Adventures in Learning".

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

CURRENT EVENTS: **ED & MARTHA MILLER**, Galapagos Islands Travelogue



**ONLINE REGISTRATION
NEW 2024 ACCOUNT SETUP**

Go to www.campmack.org.

Click the "Register" button at the top right of the page.

ONLINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Click "Register" next to the name of the participant.
- Select the program you wish to attend. Click on the "Info" button for more information. Click "Register."
- If registering another family member for an event, click "Yes." If not, click "No, continue registration."
- Confirm participant information and emergency contacts, and choose session options (if applicable).
- Fill out the required form(s) and sign the waiver, click Next
- Click "Proceed to Payment." to use MCOB church camper codes, click "+Add sponsorship/promotional code" and enter the code **39MA1** for **returning campers** or **39MA5** for **first time campers**.



On June 1st, Camp Mack's first summer campers will arrive. They are excited to enjoy delicious food, have fun on the lake, and find their community.

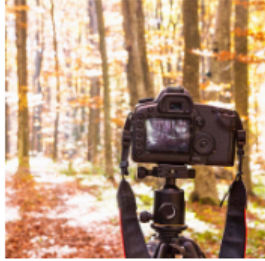
So we are ready for these campers, Camp Mack needs a full summer staff of lifeguards, kitchen assistants, housekeepers, and cabin counselors. We are delighted to have a fully staffed kitchen this summer, but we need your help filling the other positions.

Do you know anyone looking for a summer job?



Lifeguard/Program

Provide a safe and fun experience on Waubee Lake and work with other areas of program. Training is provided by Camp Mack staff.



Photographer/Videographer

Capture photo and video to help campers remember the summer and to help market Camp Mack's programs. Portfolio required for application.



Pay and Benefits

\$350 per week salaried pay

On site housing

Meals provided

Spiritual and Mental Health Support

\$1,500 college scholarship

Bonuses for number of years worked and for bringing a friend

[Apply Here](#)

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