

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

♥ We take a moment to give our thanks to **those who teach** our children, our youth, each one of us in our education hour. So many have given time to prep and teach, with such care and love.

♥ We pray for **teachers and students** alike, who welcome a summer break in the coming weeks. May everyone receive quality downtime, renewal of hobbies and joys, learn and deepen new skills, sleep away the early morning hours, run in the dandelions, smell freshly cut grass, and daydream.

♥ We pray this week for **many** who have, had, and will have surgery, simple procedures and ongoing treatments, for those waiting for results, for those experiencing long-term colds and illnesses. We hold **you all, unnamed but known**, in the healing hands of God.

♥ We pray for **Teresa Clingaman**, who is currently going through a difficult time.

♥ We pray with the **Fry-Miller Family**, for **Amy Fry-Miller's** year-long journey as she continues to receive good reports regarding the brain cancer diagnosis and treatment. She will continue chemo through the summer. In the meantime, the family celebrates the marriage of **Amy and Brett Shull** this coming week, and the high school graduation of **Paloma**. May Amy remain strong, rested, and in a healing state.

♥ We pray for the **leadership and planners** of the **Annual Conference**, as they fill these final 6 weeks with preparation. Be with the endurance and health of moderator **Madalyn Metzger**, moderator-elect **Dava Hensely**, and all who serve. Be their courage and their wisdom.

♥ We join many in the **Church of the Brethren in Uganda** as they offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving for 2-acres of land recently purchased and the ongoing construction of semi-permanent buildings so that the **Rising Star Orphanage and Junior School** can begin operating soon. We pray the projects of the church, including agriculture, chicken-keeping, bee-keeping, and grain milling, pastoral motorcycles, will flourish. May God be with our siblings in Uganda.

♥ We pray for **all** who experience the horrors of war, knowing there are no sides, only human lives, and we are all brothers, sisters, siblings. We pray for **those** who believe that death is a rational way toward power over another. We pray for a **change of heart** and for the **way of peace**, the **way of God**.

♥ We pray for our **Pastoral Search Committee** that met Sunday for a regular meeting, as we patiently move through the process of calling a pastor to the pastoral team. May God nudge awareness in the one to come to us, and in us as we trust our part in this strong and capable community in the meantime.

♥ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel**. and with others in our district for **Manchester University**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, MAY 20

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting | Chapel

TUESDAY, MAY 21

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Midweek Update | YouTube

12:00 p.m. Pastors' Luncheon at Timbercrest

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Commission Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 23

10:00 a.m. Heidi Doudt Ramer, "Her Words, My Voice" | Timbercrest Chapel

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

FRIDAY, MAY 24

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

SUNDAY, MAY 26 **INSPIRATION!**

9:30 a.m. **Worship: "The earth is filled with your creativity"**

Scripture: Psalm 104:24

10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support | Library

Creativity in Community Activity: MCOB Bird Walk/Merlin Bird App

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (MAY 26)

ATC (Room 220): **NO CLASS** (June 2: April White presents)

Koinonia (Conference Room): **Everett Shattuck**, studies in "Acts"

NURTURE NUDGE *Where do you find your passion in faith? What enlivens you to live your faith? How has that changed over the years? Go and do what fills you with the joy of the Spirit!*

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

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!



Thank you to the Teachers, Helpers, & Coordinators

This year during Christian Education:

PreK - 1st: Judy Myers-Walls Kathy Fry-Miller, David Doudt, Paul Fry-Miller

2nd & 3rd: Bev Eikenberry, Sue Mock, Bob Gross

4th & 5th: Peg Bell, Ann Hartsough, April White

Substitutes: Diane Sincroft, Donna Ritchey-Martin, Megan Sarber, Jennifer Reichenbach

Jr. High: Paul Nalliah, John Hartsough, David Sollenberger

Sr. High/Youth: Seth Hendricks

Questers: Dean Beery/Jo Ann Schall, & Company

Koinonia: Marie Willoughby, Ron Petry, Everett Shattuck

All Things Considered: Joy Stiffler, Jim Chinworth, Ruth Barrett, and many more



EXECUTIVE BOARD

BOARD UPDATE MAY 15, 2024 Meeting

REPORTS: Treasurer Katherine Haff presented the end-of-first-quarter financials which are running consistently with previous years' first quarter information. The 2024 Sing Me Home Festival dates and entertainers have been finalized and are ready to be announced publicly. The Ad Hoc Safety Planning Committee and the Nominating Committee are both actively meeting and addressing their tasks.

BUSINESS ITEMS: The EB enthusiastically requested the Moderator call a special meeting of the Council to affirm the commissioning of Karen Eberly's ministry at Timbercrest.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Commission chairs are asked to review and update their commissions' job descriptions. This is an important step in assuring that commission members understand their responsibilities and tasks.

On behalf of the Stewardship Commission, **Katherine Haff** explained the generous gift we have been offered from Jan Wilts' estate. The discussion centered around the understanding that the gift must be considered carefully taking into consideration the parameters of the gift and how those match our Gift Acceptance Policy. Feedback and questions will be solicited from various commissions and groups within the congregation. There is no urgency or timeframe for a decision. After a thorough review, the Stewardship Commission will make a recommendation regarding the gift to the Executive Board.

Sue Mock (PMPC Chair) and **Lila Hammer** (EB Chair) led a discussion about possibilities for covering worship planning responsibilities in the Between Time - after Interim Pastor Gwen Gustafson-Zook's ministry with us is completed at the end of July and before a new pastor is called. The matter was referred to the Pastoral Ministry & Personnel Commission for further development, with an expectation that a proposal will be finalized at the June EB meeting.

PASTORAL SEARCH: Names of potential pastoral candidates received from the congregation have been forwarded to the District Executive. The Search Committee is finalizing interview questions and protocol in anticipation of receiving candidate profiles. From its formation in February through the submission of the Congregational Profile in April, the Search Committee had control over the timeline for completing tasks. Now...we wait...for God to speak and nudge and guide us through the next phases of the search process.

CHURCH COUNCIL

*As moderator I am calling for a special Council business meeting to be held after church on Sunday, June 2. The Ministry Credentialing Committee happily recommended to the District Board the commissioning of **Karen Eberly** to ministry at Timbercrest. The District Board unanimously and enthusiastically approved. Our meeting will last approximately ten minutes with the purpose of voting to affirm the commissioning of Karen for her work at Timbercrest.*

-Joel Eichenauer, Moderator



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

CONGRADULATIONS

Lucas Lehman's Graduation Open House

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

3881 W 558 N, Huntington

All are welcome to join the celebration!

Leyna Borgmann's Graduation Open House



We recognize that a good bit of time has passed and the distance from North Manchester to Middlebury is significant, but Leyna still wanted to invite you, our church family of so many years, to join us in celebrating her graduation from high school. ~ Kurt Borgmann

Sunday, June 2nd, 5:00 to 8:00 pm
13126, Bear Creek Court, Middlebury, IN 46540

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

DeVos Place Convention Center
(Grand Rapids, MI)

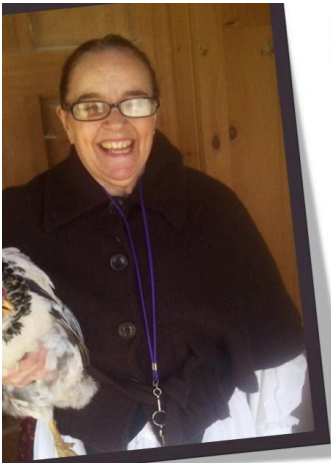
July 3-7



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

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





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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, June 1

10 AM

Manchester Church of the Brethren

MEMORIAL GARDEN & PAVILION



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**.



...turning the world upside down...

Dear friends in Christ,

It was so good being with you a few Sundays back. Forgive me for taking so long to send this note, but I've been traveling ever since.

Thank you for inviting me to join with you for worship and for the Sunday School session afterwards. The service was inspiring; a special thanks to those who planned and led the service – and to the children who joined me for the Children's Time. It was great meeting Gwen!

Until we meet again, blessings on your ministries in your own community and far beyond.

Sincerely,

David Radcliff

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION T-SHIRTS



- ★ Cash or Check made out to Cash
 - ★ Pick up at Church June 6 between 5-7 p.m., or at Witness event.
 - ★ Call Marilyn Groves with questions: 574-238-1835
- Prices are **\$12 each** (S, M, L) with **\$1 extra** for each size over XL, and **\$5 extra** for V-Neck

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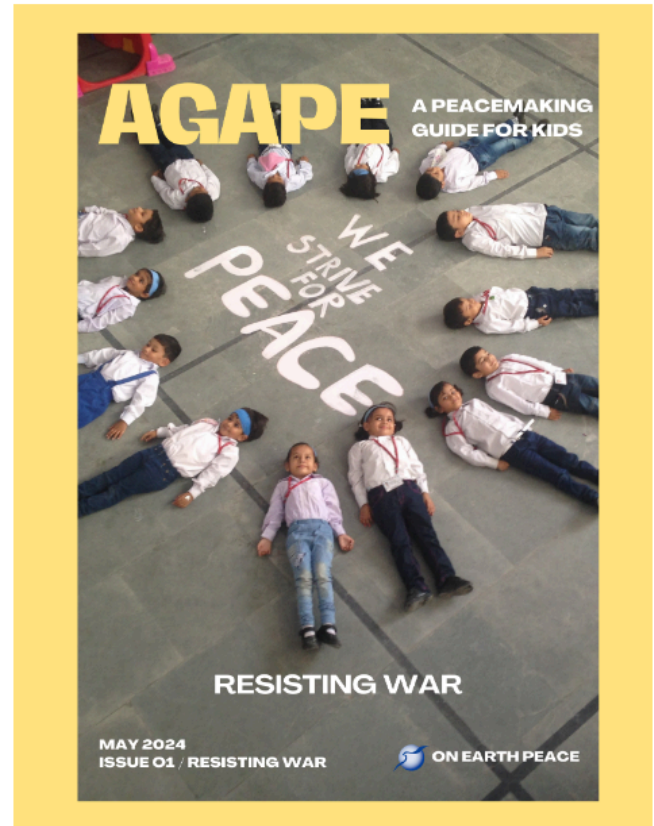


Agape: A Peacemaking Guide for Kids

May 2024, Issue 01/Resisting War

Friend--


*This Conscientious Objector's Day, we celebrate the launch of our first issue of Agape: A Peacemaking Guide for Kids. This magazine is for children in our constituency age 8-12 who are eager to learn more about peacemaking. Our first issue focuses on **Resisting War**. We are so excited to share this digital publication with you today. Click the magazine (right) to get a sneak peek of an article from the magazine.*



What is War, and How do we Resist it?

By Marie Rhoades

At On Earth Peace, we have a dream of a world with no oppression, no violence, and no war.

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