

# MCOB NEWSLETTER



Week of Sunday, November 3, 2024

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Deacon on Call: Ruth Barrett

We welcome all to join in prayer...

♥ We celebrate the end of a great cross-country season for **Ayla Cashdollar** and **Coach Jody Sarber**. All of the youth who are in fall sports and marching band have worked hard.

♥ We recognize that **Katelyn Martynowitz**, **Milo Hupp**, and **Ada Kreps-Long** are in the Manchester High School play this week, directed by **Jennifer Reichenbach**.

♥ We pray for **Bev Eikenberry** and **Kathie Shaffer** who have been with Children's Disaster Services this week in Florida. May they bring comfort, peace and play to the children. 150 children have been cared for with Kits of Care.

♥ We pray for **Bob Gross**, who is heading to Arizona and Oak Flat as a witness and advocate for the land and sacred ground where copper mining is being proposed.

♥ We pray for **Karen Roberts Sare** who moves deeper into her hospice journey at Peabody. We pray for **Randy** with gratitude for his faithful care.

♥ We pray for **Rich** and **Di Wion**. Rich is now on hospice in their home. Di and Rich are receiving the support of hospice nurses, and other caregivers at this time. As family and friends encircle them, may they know God's deep peace.

♥ We pray for **Joe Mason** who is currently in healthcare at Timbercrest.

♥ Prayers of thanks to those who work with our youth as **teachers, mentors, parents**, and important **adults** in their lives.

♥ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador**, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel** and with others in our district for the **Akron congregation** and **Pacific Southwest District**.

## Weekly Calendar (Office Open Mon - Fri 1 to 3pm)

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

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

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:30 a.m. Preschool

10:00 a.m. Pastors Meeting

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

7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Midweek Update on YouTube

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

1:30 p.m. Worship Music Meeting

6:00 p.m. FLC Reserved

7:30 p.m. PMPC | Conference Room

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. SMH Working Session | Video Conference

3:00 p.m. Nurture Commission | Video Conference

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

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

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

"Everything we have...everything?"

Text: Mark 12:38-44

10:45a.m. Peace Patch Gathering

10:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Christian Education

12:00 p.m. FLC, Kitchen, Narthex Reserved

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



### SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (NOV. 10)

**ALL THINGS CONSIDERED** (Room 220) **Jim Chinworth & Tim McElwee**

**KOINONIA** (Conference Room) 10-session study on the book,:

"*Samuel, Leader for a Different Tomorrow*", written & led by **GENE ROOP**

**QUESTERS** (Chapel) **Reading & Discussing** the book,

"*Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*" by **Marcus Borg**

It is time to fill out the *Time and Talent Survey!*

We have an online copy that will be linked in upcoming church emails. We will also have paper copies available on Sunday morning in the Narthex. If you want to explore new ways to volunteer but need more information, be in touch with Pastor Amy or Pastor Seth. Mark as many ways you would like to serve.



Funeral Meals: We offer meals to close family members on the day of a memorial service. If you would like to be a part of this beautiful ministry, there are lots of ways to be involved: Bring a salad or dessert, set up tables, arrange flowers for tables, serve the buffet line, purchase the main dishes from GFS, prepare designated main dish, wash dishes, serve beverages, and more.

There will be a *Deacon Call* on November 10 during worship: We will take time in worship to begin the discernment process of prayerfully calling 4 new deacons for the coming year. You can prepare for this during the week, by mindfully looking through the directory, or just listening to the still small voice within. You may be surprised at who rises to the top of your awareness. God is guiding us.

## - LOOKING AHEAD -

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

**Jim Chinworth preaching**

"But I am alarmed!"

Theme: Jesus paints a dark picture of the 'end of the age' that includes conflicts and wars and earthquakes and then tells his disciples not to be alarmed when these things happen. How can they not be? Or is he encouraging them to be alert and attentive and not be taken off guard when they "feel the earth move under their feet?"

Text: Mark 13: 1-8



**Campus Interfaith Board  
Presents**



## Focus On Faith Week 2024

*Finding Community Through Faith and Spirituality*

### Monday, Nov. 4th



**VIA Presentation:**  
Whiteness Unseen:  
Immigration History and  
Biblical Interpretation  
Location: Wine Recital Hall  
Time: 11am

### Wednesday, Nov. 6th

**Presentation and Workshop:**  
Gregorian Chant  
with Dr. Mark Bryant  
Location: Petersime Chapel  
Time: 2:30pm



### Thursday, Nov. 7th

**Religious/Spiritual Club  
Spotlight: Simply Brethren**  
Event: Love Feast  
Location: Petersime Chapel  
Time: 8pm



### Friday, Nov. 8th

**Service Project:**  
Campus Prayer  
Labyrinth Cleaning  
Location: Meet at the  
chapel  
Time: 5pm



### What is Focus On Faith Week?

Focus on Faith Week is sponsored by Campus Interfaith Board, the Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, and the Peace Studies Institute to celebrate religious diversity and experiences at Manchester.

\*\*\*You do not need to have any religious affiliation to participate in events!



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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

**3-8PM FREE! ALL AGES!**

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**SING ME HOME PRESENTS:  
LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR**



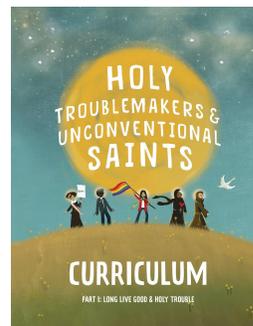
**KELSICOTE**

**JORDAN HAMILTON +**

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY JAZZ BAND  
ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR FEATURING  
LOCAL ARTISAN MARKETPLACE!

**SETH BERNARD**

MORE INFO AT  
[SINGMEHOME.ORG](http://SINGMEHOME.ORG)



This fall, the Sr. High youth have been exploring Holy Troublemakers and Unconventional Saints. The author, Daneen Akers says, "We tell the stories of holy troublemakers and unconventional saints—people of faith who have worked for love, justice, and compassion—to inspire us, make us bold, and connect us to each other and the Love that makes us one."

So far on this journey, we have encountered people like Gustavo Gutierrez, a Catholic priest and liberation theologian from Lima Peru who reminds us that love exists only among equals; Rev. Wil Gafney, a

professor of Hebrew scriptures who helps students find language and names for God that go beyond gender, like "Holy One" or "Love;" Fred Rogers, an ordained Presbyterian minister who reminds us that we are participating in something holy when we love our neighbors; Mary Oliver, a poet who reminds us that attention is the beginning of devotion; and Bayard Rustin, a Black gay man and unfortunately a lesser known leader in the Civil Rights movement, who spent his life working for justice and said: "We need, in every community, a group of angelic troublemakers."

It was also great to have Joe Reilly, Sing Me Home artist in residence, join us to talk about one of his holy troublemakers in Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Buddhist monk, teacher and peace activist. This also segued into conversations about Ted Stubbaker and Dennis Metzger (who was in our discussion circle) who were conscientious objectors during the Vietnam war.

If you would like to receive Hannah Lehman's monthly newsletter, during her year of Mennonite Voluntary Service, you can subscribe to receive her monthly updates. Click [HERE](#) to subscribe.

## "The Things We Keep"

*...and the stories behind them*

PLEASE JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP COMMISSION

*Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Narthex*

FOR AN EVENING OF STORYTELLING.

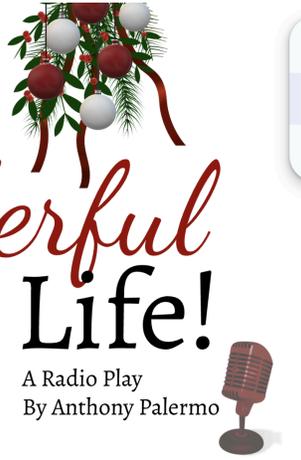
THIS EVENT IS A WAY TO GET TO KNOW THE PEOPLE WE CALL "OUR CHURCH".

In this era of downsizing, simplifying and "Marie Kondo-ing" we often give things away to clear spaces...but there is always something (or many things!) that hold significant meaning in our lives...the things we keep! You are invited to bring an item that has meaning in your life...it could be an object from your grandparents, parents, your own childhood, your college years, your family or your travels. We will each take a few minutes to share the story behind the item and learn a little more about each other.

**NURTURE NUDGE:** WHAT IS AN ACTUAL, IN REAL LIFE ACT OF SERVICE THAT YOU DO, THAT IS SYMBOLIZED BY OUR BELOVED FEET-WASHING? FEET WASHING CARRIES THE SYMBOLISM OF HUMILITY, SERVICE, AND RECEIVING.

MJSHS Fall Play

# It's a Wonderful Life!



November 8 - 7 p.m.

November 9 - 7 p.m.

November 10 - 2 p.m.

**Tickets:**

\$10 - Adults, \$5 - Students

Manchester Performing Arts Center

A Radio Play  
By Anthony Palermo



In January we will be launching the planning for June 8 **Vacation Bible School**. We are hoping you will take some time this fall to think about how you'll add to the day of good

fun and faith formation. Will you help make the lunch, be a marketplace artisan, offer crafts, lead games, provide music, be a storyteller, offer your presence as an assistant, or take a background support role?

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