MCOB NEWSLETTER

Week of Sunday, October 13, 2024

Pastor Amy is traveling on vacation through October 21st. (contact Seth or the Deacon-on-Call for any pastoral care needs) Deacon on Call: Donna Ritchey Marting 260.610.1253

Timbercrest Hosts: Chuck Bell & Peg Bell Prayer Concerns - We welcome all to join in prayer...

♥ We pray in acknowledgement that the land on which we live and worship has been the home of Indigenous peoples. Most recently, Potawatomi, Miami, and Shawnee. We recognize the injustices that enabled our ancestors to establish themselves on these lands. As followers of Jesus, we vow to work for healing and be good stewards of this land that was created by God for all people.

♥ We lift prayers for Teresa Clingaman's sister and all her family members in Riverview Florida. Be with them and all who are experiencing new realities in the aftermath of hurricane Milton and Helene.

♥ We pray for our sisters and brothers in the Church of the Brethren who have churches and communities in these impacted areas. Be with Brethren Disaster Ministries, Children's Disaster Services and all relief efforts.

♥ Today we celebrate with Paul and Carol Burkett on 70 years of marriage and all who seek to love as you have loved.

♥ We pray for all those with health concerns. For those awaiting test results, receiving diagnosis, experiencing new treatment plans, caring from near and afar, recovering from surgery, contemplating new living situations, and new and ongoing grief.

♥ We pray for our sister church, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel and with others in our district for the Upper Falls Creek congregation and Southern Ohio and Kentucky district

♥ We pray for the church as it moves in the world. Like our congregation, many are in a time of change, exploration and imagination. Others face great challenges that call for flexibility of the spirit. May we allow God to lead us faithfully and risk hope along the way.

♥ We pray for all who envision a world in Beloved Community free from violence, oppression, and war. For the district Peace Fest on Saturday in Marion, Indiana, our community gun prevention team, and the work of the Fellowship of Churches. May peace be the means to that which we seek in the world.

WEEKLY CALENDAR (Office Open Mon - Fri 1 to 3pm)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir | Sanctuary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Women's Book Group | Video Conference
- 7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Midweek Update on YouTube

- 1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC
- 1:30 p.m. Worship Music Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. FLC Reserved
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Board | Conference Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

- 1:00 p.m. SMH Steering Committee | Video Conference
- 3:00 p.m. FLC Reserved
- 5:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention Meeting Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
- 10:30 a.m. Sing Me Home Concert at NMPL.
- 2:00 p.m. Jeanette Lahman Memorial Service Sanctuary, visitation after
- 7:00 p.m. Sing Me Home Concert at The Firehouse

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- **9:30 a.m.** <u>Worship: **"We do see Jesus"**</u> (Donna Ritchey Martin preaching) Text: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Christian Education
- 12:00 p.m. Immigrant Support Library
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group | FLC Youth Room

+ ↔ + ↔ <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (OCT. 20)</u> ALL THINGS CONSIDERED (Room 220) Bob Gross & Virginia Rendler: Standing with People of Color (cont.)

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





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Nurture Nudge What are your family stories that guide you or caution you in your way of living?



Jennifer and Sebastian Carrillo Cely are expecting a baby this month!

Let's shower them with diapers! Their nursery is ready, but disposable diapers are always appreciated. Please bring your gift of diapers to the round table in the narthex anytime during the month of October. All sizes are needed!



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



With gratitude we thank our church family for their caring during Wilson's illness and passing. With grace and organization the funeral dinner preparers transported a delicious dinner from the church to Timbercrest. Chaplain Karen and Pastor Amy cared

for us during the Memorial Garden service and the Timbercrest Memorial Service. David Hupp with his usual professional expertise provided Wilson's musical requests in a superb manner for the Memorial. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers.

-Mary Lutz & Family

A note from your Church Kitchen Coordinator, **Rachel Gross**...

Over the next several weeks, I will be doing some cleaning and rearranging in the kitchen and pantry. You will see temporary labels on the cupboards where items have been relocated. Thanks for your patience while I try some new



arrangements. Feedback is welcome – email me at <u>rag144@earthlink.net</u> or catch me on Sunday morning!





Fall Council Update "Doing the work of the church"

The following slate was approved: Paul

Fry-Miller (PMPC Chair), Steve Johnson (Stewardship Chair), T Onderko (Nomination Comm.), Dennis Metzger & Diana Bucher (District Conf. delegates), Wendy Erbaugh & Rachel Gross (DC alt. delegates), Megan Sarber & Chuck Bell (Annual Conference delegates), and Jeff Lehman (AC alt. delegate).

The written Executive Board Report shared highlights of the board and commissions' work over the past six months. Board chair Lila Hammer's spoken report focused on **envisioning our future** – how we move toward who God is calling us to be and what God is calling us to do. She briefly described that after six months the Pastoral Search Committee has not received any acceptable applicants. This is not unexpected given the decrease of persons in pastoral ministry within our denomination. The Board is considering seeking assistance from an outside consultant who specializes in assisting congregations explore mission, identity, and structure. Information will be shared when available. In the meantime, we will strive to be flexible and rely on many creative minds to envision the future.

The final action item was our congregational support to join as a party to the amicus brief standing with **Apache Stronghold** in their lawsuit against the U.S. selling Oak Flat - their sacred, ancestral lands in Arizona – to a large European copper mining conglomerate.



Every year, the month of October is observed as Pastor Appreciation Month. We will recognize Pastor Seth and Pastor Amy on October 27th during worship. This month is a time to say

"thank you" for standing with our congregation and others. Please reach out with a note, kind word of thankfulness, or your own expression of gratitude. We are blessed with their care and love.



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.



Next week the Women's Book Group will begin a new book, "Women Who Run with the Wolves". Please read the intro and section 1. Contact Pastor Amy if you'd like to join!



Theme: Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Amy Gall Ritchie preaching "Kairos" Text: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 Theme: the moment of the unexpected, surprising change, laughter of Sarah…



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Junior High Sunday (Love Feast led by youth) "Walk with me and work with me" Text: Matthew 11:28-30 NRSV

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10



Jim Chinworth preaching "Everything we have...everything? Theme: Jesus calls into question the motivation of certain scribes who abuse their positions... Text: Mark 12:38-44

The Peace Studies Program Presents:

A LITTLE KINDNESS MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?



The documentary that honors the work of beloved child television host and peace maker, Fred Rogers

October 21st at 7pm

Join us for a viewing party in Wine Auditorium





<u>OCTOBER 26, 2024</u>

Event: **Peace Plaque Dedication** Time: **2pm** Location: **Muir Peace Garden** Description: Join us for our annual Peace Studies Plaque Dedication. Enjoy refreshments, the company of the peace studies community, and a presentation about this year's honoree, Fred Rogers.

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