



# Deacons

## 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

## Grace & Gratitude



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 [rog144@earthlink.net](mailto:rog144@earthlink.net) or catch me on Sunday morning!



# Church Council

## 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.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Potluck*  
**FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
*Bring food to share*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**"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.



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!

**SING ME HOME**  
**ARTIST IN RESIDENCE**  
**JOE REILLY**  
**OCTOBER 19-20**



**SATURDAY OCT 19**

**10:30AM**

**NORTH**

**MANCHESTER**

**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**7PM**

**THE FIREHOUSE**

**SUNDAY OCT 20**

**9:30AM**

**MANCHESTER**

**CHURCH OF**

**THE BROTHERS**

**ALL EVENTS**  
**FREE + ALL AGES**

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**SINGMEHOME.ORG**



**The Peace Studies Program Presents:**

A LITTLE KINDNESS MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE.

**WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?**

FROM PEOPLE WHOSE THE AUDIENCE HASN'T HEARD OF: **20 FEET FROM STARDOM**



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



**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...*

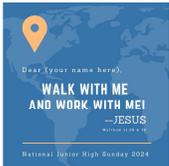
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

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

**Theme: Worship**

**OCTOBER 26, 2024**

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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