

MCOB NEWSLETTER



Week of Sunday, October 27, 2024

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We welcome all to join in prayer...

♥ We pray with joy for our musicians in the **Manchester Marching Band** who are on to Semi-State. Play well. We also lift-up **Ayla Cashdollar** who advanced to State in Cross Country. Well done all.

♥ We pray with joy for the birth of **Derek Cely-Carillo** and his parents **Sebastian** and **Jhenifer**, big sister **Danna** and brother **Jackson**. Welcome, little Derek.

♥ We lift **Brian Cashdollar** and **family** in prayer for the loss of his grandfather, **Joe Gray**. May the whole family know peace.

♥ We pray for **Edith Stone's** nephew **Bradley Taylor**, who had a spontaneous brain bleed, and is still in the hospital under close observation. We continue to pray for the whole family.

♥ We pray for **Sue Mock's** mother, **Joy Carlson**, who recently fell. Gratitude is lifted for the whole family offering needed support.

♥ We pray for **those who have had surgery** recently, and for those continuing with chemo and other cancer treatments. Named or unnamed, we are with you.

♥ We continue prayers for **all who are facing** the ongoing stages of trauma from devastating floods, hurricanes, tornados. As one person is strengthened, may another find solace, each person taking their turn for the care of mental and emotional wellbeing.

♥ We pray with gratitude for the important work that the **Supportive Communities Network** is doing for the safety of trans youth and offering educational opportunities.

♥ We pray for our sister church, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel** and with others in our district for the **Wabash congregation** and **Pacific Northwest District**.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir | Sanctuary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:30 a.m. Preschool

10:00 a.m. Pastors Meeting

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

2:00 p.m. FLC Reserved

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

7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:30 a.m. Preschool

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

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

6:00 p.m. Food, Fun, & Friends (homemade soup provided) | FLC, Narthex

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 *Jr High Youth Sunday*

9:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary (with rituals of Love Feast)

["Walk with me and work with me"](#)

Text: Matthew 11:28-30 NRSV

10:45 a.m. Peace Patch Gathering (children's wing)

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

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

6:30 p.m. Youth Group | FLC Youth Room



SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (NOV. 3)

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED (Room 220) **Mackenzie Coulter-Kern:**

Director of Diversity Coalition of Wabash County

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.



Thank you so much for your generous support of our 3rd quarter special offering for Daniel's Place. The total was an astounding \$5,725.90! When I delivered the check and the caregiver saw the amount, she couldn't believe it. There were hugs and tears. The real treat was that I met Daniel and even got a handshake. Congregation, you made a real difference!

-Nan Erbaugh, Witness Chair



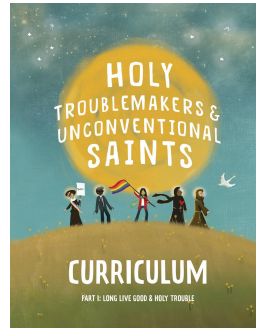
**Join us for our
FIRST FRIDAY'S FOOD
FUN & FRIENDS
Friday
November 1st
6pm
HOMEMADE SOUP
PROVIDED!**

Theme: Worship

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



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 Stuebker and Dennis Metzger (who was in our discussion circle) who were conscientious objectors during the Vietnam war.

"The Things We Keep"

...and the stories behind them

PLEASE JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP COMMISSION

Sunday, November 10th 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.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

4-8PM FREE! ALL AGES!

MANCHESTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN
1306 BECKLEY ST. N. MANCHESTER, IN

SING ME HOME PRESENTS LIVE IN CONCERT:



KELSI COTE

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY
JAZZ BAND

LOCAL ARTISAN MARKETPLACE!

JORDAN HAMILTON +

SETH BERNARD


MORE INFO AT
SINGMEHOME.ORG



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?

NURTURE NUDGE: In what ways have you met big changes in your life that have shaped and formed who you are today?

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