

Jeanette Lehman MEMORIAL SERVICE

OCT 19
2pm

Manchester Church of the Brethren Sanctuary
LIVESTREAM & IN PERSON

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Nurture Nudge Has there been a time when your spiritual or faith footing was wobbly? What did you do to regain balance and strength?

DIAPER DRIVE

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!

DEACONS

Immediate Care Deacons

Ruth Barrett
Debbie Chinworth
Jim Chinworth
Christine Fisher
Kathy Fry-Miller
Paul Fry-Miller
Bob Gross
Becky Kreps
Donna Ritchey-Martin

Sustaining Care Deacons

Lois Good
Jan Fairchild
Tina Rieman
Joy Stiffler

Church. Council

Fall Council Update "Doing the work of the church"

With much appreciation and great thankfulness I share this update. With the power surging part way through the meeting, lights blinking and sound briefly cutting out, I understand the broadcast of the meeting stopped recording after the first 30 minutes. Hopefully this information helps with the highlights and important parts some may have missed.

On September 29 shortly after worship, many gathered to hear Jeff Lehman open us in prayer. Minutes for the March 17 Spring Council meeting along with the specially called June 9 and August 12 council meetings were approved. Katherine Haff skillfully detailed the Treasurer Report. We appreciate her expertise, oversight, and time she volunteers. Next Lila shared about our new slate of nominees: Paul Fry-Miller (PMPC Chair), Steve Johnson (Stewardship Chair), T. Onderko (Nomination), Dennis Metzger & Diana Bucher (District Conf.), Wendy Erbaugh & Rachel Gross (Dist. Conf. Alt.), Megan Sarber & Chuck Bell (Annual Conf), and Jeff Lehman (AC Alt.).

Katherine Haff covered the board approved 2025 Budget which is a slight increase mostly due to our congregation's commitment to pay our pastors scale and accept the suggested cost of living increase recommended by our wider denomination each year and budgeting on larger upcoming building repair needs. It's important to look at our budget as more of a spending plan. We do have many good stewards of our resources and many minds are monitoring our offering and income with our expenses. With our pastoral search ongoing and staffing still in flux, we will continue to be flexible and rely on many creative minds to envision the future. The final action item was our congregation's support for the amicus brief standing with the Apache Stronghold in their struggle vs. the U.S. government over a proposed copper mine on their sacred, ancestral lands.

Reports followed with Lila Hammer sharing the highlights and important details of the past several months for the Executive Board. Her many hours of organizing and detail oriented work are a gift to us all. Then Marilyn Kieffaber, Dennis Metzger, and But Tully each spoke at the recent South/Central IN District Conference meeting they attended along with Jim Shively, Lila, and Amy Gall-Ritchie. Education Commission chair Jennifer Reichenbach updated everyone on our Peach Patch Preschool followed by pastoral reports from Seth Hendricks (written and in person) and Amy (in writing as she attended a family wedding that weekend). The council meeting closed in prayer led by Ashley Mock. Then all moved to the Family Life Center for a wonderful Fellowship Meal with donations going towards our scholarship support of 4 students from our congregation attending Brethren colleges. Keep sharing your talents, resources, gifts, and more as we lean into this "in between" time and season of transition and change. May the beauty of Autumn fill you with joy and allow you to pause for reflection as you gather, prepare, and live into tomorrow.

-- Joel Eichenauer, MCOB Moderator



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.



Category: Church of the Brethren Newsline

General secretary calls for prayer, reaches out to those affected by Hurricane Helene and its aftermath

A call for prayer for those affected by Hurricane Helene and its aftermath--with special thought for the hardest-hit areas of northwest Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, and Virginia--has been made by Church of the Brethren general secretary David Steele.

“All those who have suffered from this devastating storm are in need of our prayers and our help,” he said. “I invite your prayers for everyone who has lost loved ones, those who have lost homes or businesses, the communities that have been destroyed, and those who are displaced and those lacking basic necessities like food, water, and power.

“Having received a personal call from Andy Hamilton, district executive minister in Southeastern District, I heard his characterization of the destruction in his district as ‘catastrophic.’ Please pray for our brothers and sisters in the congregations of Southeastern District, and the Brethren who may have been affected elsewhere,” he said. Southeastern District includes churches in North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Alabama.

Steele also noted that the community of Lake Junaluska, N.C., which hosts the Church of the Brethren’s National Older Adult Conference (NOAC) every other year, is in the area where flooding has occurred.

Quoting from Psalm 46:1, “*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble,*” and Psalm 62:8, “*Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us,*” Steele invited the denomination to join him in prayer and to consider ways to help those who are in need following the disaster.

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OCTOBER 19-20



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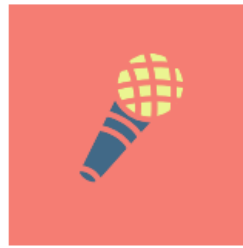
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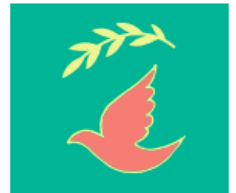
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