#### MCOB NEWSLETTER

Week of Sunday, October 6, 2024

Pastor Amy on vacation October 7 - 14.

Deacon on Call: Anita Sautter 260.610.1253

#### Prayer Concerns - We welcome all to join in prayer...

- ♥ We hold **Lila** and **Steve Hammer** in prayer for Lila's brother, **Roland**, who is in ICU with bilateral (double) pneumonia. May his medical team bring relief and illness.
- ♥ We hold the family of Mary Lutz in prayer, as the life of Wilson Lutz was celebrated and grieved on Saturday, October 5. May Mary, their children, and the whole family be at peace.
- ♥ We hold **Tim McElwee** and **Linda Hansen** in prayer as they travel west to visit Tim's mother, and will include a visit to **Raymond Johnson** in Oklahoma. May the in-person connection be meaningful and supportive for all.
- ♥ We pray with gladness for **Stan Beery**, whose surgery last week was successful. He now recovers at home in the good hands of **Christine**.
- ◆ We pray for Jenny Snyder whose brother, James Puterbaugh died last week. Please pray for James' family as they grieve and celebrate his life on October 19th in Jacksonville, Florida.
- ♥ We celebrate the marriage of Levi Lehman and Sabryna Cloutier. Levi is the son of Sharon and Jeff Lehman. Levi and Sabryna were married Saturday, October 5, in Peru on a beautiful, sunny autumn afternoon.
- ◆ We pray for Ed Kreider, who will soon begin chemotherapy, after surgery this week indicated the presence of cancer. We hold Ed and Jo Ann in prayer during this time.
- ♥ We pray for **Helen Beery** who is in the Wabash hospital with pneumonia. May God walk alongside **Dwight** and **Helen**.
- ◆ We continue to hold Randy Hester, Kayla Plott's partner, in prayer on his road of recovery after a motorcycle accident several weeks ago. May Kayla have the strength of many in her ongoing caregiving.
- ♥ We hold the family of **Lois Snyder** in prayer. Lois died Saturday night in her room at Timbercrest, after an anointing, a hymn and a prayer. Her daughter Anna was at her side.
- ◆ We pray for **all who are on recovery journeys**, and those who must face a difficult reality of what comes next in life. We pray for those in the middle of cancer treatments, and those beginning. We pray for all who walk alongside.
- ♥ We pray for those whose lives were disrupted this past week by Hurricane Helene in Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina. The devastation is immense. We give thanks for all **neighbors** and **strangers**, and **organizations** coming together to clean out homes, cut through trees, and hold each other tight. We pray with gratitude for **Brethren Disaster Ministries** who are already providing needed resources.
- ♥ We pray with remembrance of the start of the war in Gaza one year ago tomorrow. An act of violent aggression, met with violence, a cycle of retribution that goes so far back we can't tell the difference between defense and offense. For all the lives lost, the stress and deep unmitigated grief manufactured, for the hostages and the hungry, we pray that peace will soon prevail. Not only in Gaza but within the whole of humanity.
- ♥ We pray prayers of thanks to **those who provide** the ministry of funeral dinners.

▼ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel and with others in our district for the Union Grove congregation and Northern Ohio District.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

(Office Open Mon - Fri 1 to 3pm)

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir | Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Manchester Soccer Club Meeting | Chapel

Pastor Amy will be on vacation and doing some traveling October 7-21.

Pastor Seth and the deacon-on-call are available for pastoral care needs.

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

9:30 a.m. Preschool

10:00 a.m. Pastors' Meeting 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

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

6:00 p.m. Peace Patch Preschool Family Night | Children's Wing

6:30 p.m. Worship Center/Decor | Conference Room

7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Midweek Update on YouTube Second Harvest Tailgate

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Tennis FLC

1:30 p.m. Worship Music Meeting

7:00 p.m. FLC Reserved

7:00 p.m. Witness Commission | Video Conference

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30 a.m. Preschool

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

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Commission | Video Conference

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

**9:30 a.m.** Worship: "Wrapped in light" (Guest Preacher: Audri Svay)

Text: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (OCT. 13)
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) 6-week session: **Reading & Discussing** the book, "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time" by Marcus Borg



October 20: "We do see Jesus" Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (Donna Ritchey Martin preaching)





Manchester Church of the Brethren Sanctuary LIVESTREAM & IN PERSON

Click here for the memorial service livestream link.

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



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!



#### 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

# 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-Ritchiie. 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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ARTIST IN RESIDENCE
JOE REILLY
OCTOBER 19-20







- MUSIC
- FELLOWSHIP
- INSPIRATION & RENEWAL
  - MISSION
- COMMUNITY MEAL



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OCT 12 12:30-6:30P



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