

MCOB NEWSLETTER

Week of Sunday, September 22, 2024



Pastoral Care: Pastor Amy 765.967.0657

(Amy is on vacation: September 27 - 30)

Deacon on Call: Debbie Chinworth 260.402.3486

Timbercrest Host: Chris Fisher 574.339.7233

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

♥ We lift prayers of celebration and blessing for **Paige Woods** and **Matt Cuzzort** who married last Friday in Noblesville. Paige grew up in this church; family of **Dan Woods**, **Bob Woods** and **Cristi Karg**.

♥ We hold **Karen Roberts Sare**, in prayer for comfort and peace as she and her family discern her next steps. May God bless **Randy** with strength, her sons **Drew** and **Joel** with peace.

♥ We pray for **Sonya Yoder-Beery**, as she continues on a path of well-being, facing many different stages of cancer and treatments. This week she had medical procedures for her lungs. We hold Sonya and the whole family in ongoing loving prayers.

♥ We pray for **Karen Roberts Sare**, who is in the hospital in Indianapolis where her lung transplant medical team can keep an eye on her. She is experiencing difficulty regulating her blood pressure.

♥ We pray for **Randy Hester**, Kayla Plott's partner. He was in a serious accident on Friday with injuries to his head.

♥ We are praying for **those we love**, who are facing cancer, stubborn tumors, knee issues, progressive illnesses, PT in healthcare, and those isolated with Covid. May we hold one another close.

♥ Prayers of thanks to **ushers**, **Lafiya hosts**, and **greeters** who welcome strangers and regulars on a Sunday morning.

♥ We pray for our sister church in **El Salvador**, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel** and with others in our district for the ministries of On Earth Peace.

August Contributions: \$42,475.01 | YTD Contributions: \$388,871.77

2024 Budget: \$745,693.00 | YTD Budget Expenditures: \$461,261.94

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir | Sanctuary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

7:00 p.m. Volleyball | FLC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Midweek Update on YouTube

9:30 a.m. Preschool

12:00 p.m. Pastors' Luncheon at Timbercrest

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

1:30 p.m. Worship Music Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 a.m. Preschool

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

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:30 a.m. Preschool

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:30 p.m. Ted & Co. Watch Party | Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 a.m. **Worship: "Inclusion, not excision"** (Jim Chinworth preaching)

Scripture: Mark 9:38-50

10:45 a.m. Fall Council Meeting | Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal | FLC

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

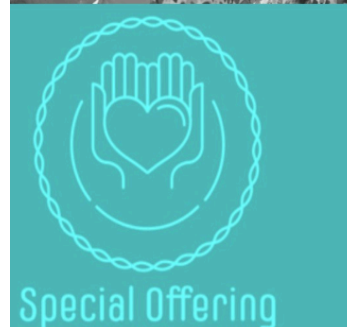
Nurture Nudge What are the Christian characteristics that you have or are purposefully developing? How does this add meaning to your life?

Fall Council Meeting & Fellowship Meal Sunday, September 29



Grab a cup of coffee or tea and let's join together in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. Come hear updates from the pastors, staff, and Executive Board. We will review and vote on the proposed 2025 Budget, elect leaders for our congregation. *After the meeting we will gather in the FLC for a potluck fellowship meal.*

All are welcome!



Our 3rd quarter special offering will support **DANIEL'S PLACE** our town's nonprofit organization providing respite care for people of any age with disabilities. Respite care service is critical for caregivers. Currently, Daniel's Place shares space at Zion Lutheran where there isn't safe outdoor space and only day services are available 7am-11pm. We welcome donations throughout September!

Click [HERE](#) to donate online. Thank you in advance!

**TED & COMPANY BENEFIT PERFORMANCE
FOR ON EARTH PEACE**



Saturday, September 28 at 7:30PM ET

**In Person at Bridgewater Church of
the Brethren and Streaming Online**

Join On Earth Peace for its 50th Anniversary
celebration with a performance by Ted & Co
TheaterWorks entitled, "Just Give 'Em the News."

WATCH PARTY

JOIN US IN THE
sanctuary at
7:30PM, SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 28!

Whether you have seen Ted & Co. perform or not, I want to encourage you to join the Watch Party for an entertaining evening. You WILL laugh! This is an On Earth Peace board fundraiser, the final 50th Anniversary fundraiser for OEP. You can give online through their website or write them a check directly to personally support OEP.

Theme: Worship



UPCOMING WORSHIP THEME:

- September 29 - *"Inclusion, not excision"*
Mark 9:38-50 (Jim Chinworth preaching)
- October 6: *"Walking on level ground"*
Psalm 26 (Jim preaching)
- October 13: *"Wrapped in light"*
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (guest preacher Audri Svay)
- October 20: *"We do see Jesus"*
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
(Donna Ritchie Martin preaching)



Wedding Reception

CLAIRE BRUMBAUGH-SMITH & GEORGE ROTH

Claire and George were married on September 14 in Portland, Oregon. Jim and Amy invite the congregation to share in their joy, greeting the newlyweds during an Open House Reception at the church on Saturday, October 5, 2:00-4:00. Cake and other light refreshments will be served.

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Executive Board Update
September 18, 2024 meeting

Lila Hammer, Executive Board chair

Reports: Treasurer Katherine Haff presented end-of-August financial information; our spending continues to exceed contributions. However, our expenditures are running lower than the approved 2024 budget. The Commissions are doing an excellent job of keeping an eye on expenditures. The balances in both bank accounts are at levels below what is needed to cover monthly bills; the Stewardship Commission is developing a policy for withdrawing money from our Eder investment accounts to give us more liquidity for operations. The first **2024 Sing Me Home Festival** event held last weekend was a huge success; the next event is on Saturday, October 19. Lila Hammer shared information about her contacts with consultants who could help us with the Envisioning Our Future process. More information is being gathered in hopes of proposing a plan to the Board in October.

Business items: A motion to authorize the Treasure to make a **one-time withdrawal** from the Eder short-term investment fund to populate our checking accounts was approved. A designated financial gift for the **new custom-built window sills** was approved. A request to allow online donations directly to **On Earth Peace** during the 9/28/24 concert live stream Watch Party was approved. Lists of **potential candidates** for openings on the Nurture, PMPC, and Fellowship Commissions were approved. **Updated job descriptions** for the Fellowship and Property Commissions were approved.

Discussion items: The Fellowship Commission reported on the **review and revisions** to 19 position descriptions within the commission! The name of the Nominating Committee candidate for the slate was announced, and the moderator reviewed the agenda for the **Fall Council meeting**. A request to sign as an additional party on an amicus brief in support of **Apache Stronghold** was brought to the Board through the Witness Commission. The Board felt this was a decision of the Council. Given the limited details provided, the Board determined the request would be brought to the Council at the 09/29/2024 meeting if sufficient information was received prior to the Fall Council meeting.

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