Today's Service *October 22, 2017*

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Diaconate Leadership Council (DLC) Recommendations:

After prayerful consideration and congregational input, we are pleased to announce the following candidates for the DLC. If you are aware of some reason why either of these individuals are biblically unqualified to serve in this capacity, please speak promptly and directly with an Elder *(Pastor Kurt or Pastor Ron)* or another current DLC member *(Andy Cook , Brett Miller, Cindy Pyle, Greg Hicks, Mark Callaway, Mark Hill, Matt Webb,)*.

Donna McKee

My name is Donna McKee. I was raised in Elgin, Illinois and blessed with Godly parents, a sister, and a loving church family where I accepted Christ and was baptized at age 12. As a young person I was in Brethren Volunteer Service in inner-city Baltimore and, as a community organizer, in Appalachia. I graduated from Manchester College, married a local boy, and stayed in North Manchester. I have two sons, two daughters-in-law, and four grand-girls. I'm a retired Social Worker, and I lost my husband, Jerry, to cancer in 2013. I love the Lord & His Church, participate in the early service and Seekers class, and have taught Sunday School and Bible Studies. God's plan is to make us like Christ, so He continues to use His Spirit, His Word, and life circumstances to convict and change me. As I submit to Jesus, I pray He will make me fit in every way to adorn His gospel.

Garen Bushong

My name is Garen Bushong. My wife Susan and I have been married almost 40 years. We have two grown children, Rachel and Andy and one son-in-law, Chris. Our family came to First Brethren over twenty years ago. This was several years after Susan and I participated in Via de Cristo renewal weekends, which is the Lutheran version of Brethren Way of Christ. My Way of Christ experience was a pivotal turning point in getting my Christian walk pointed in the right direction and then sustaining it. I have been active in various ministries here at First Brethren including leading Sunday School, Stephen Ministry and serving on the Diaconate Leadership Council. My prayer is that I can be a useful tool in God's hands in whatever way He might lead.

Calling all Shutterbugs! Do you have pictures of FBC people and events from the past year? Some examples would be all-church meals, services, baptisms, class or small group gatherings or events, youth and children's events and activities. If you have any pictures that could be used for a video during our upcoming Harvest Service please email them to Nicole at office@nmfbc.org or text to 260-228-9050.

WELCOME TO FIRST BRETHREN

Worship Services at 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.
October 22, 2017

Upcoming Services

Next Sunday, Oct. 29th: Orange Sunday
Wear orange & sit together as a family in worship

November 12th: Harvest Sunday Celebration
9:15 Sunday School & LOFT 10:30 Combined Worship Service
followed by an All-Church Harvest Meal in the Fellowship Hall

November 19th: Congregational Meeting
During the 9:15 service. Be in the know about what's happening in our church!
Children's programming (age 0 – 6th grade) provided by the youth.
Traditional Service: 8 a.m. Contemporary Service: 10:30 a.m.

Ministry Spotlight: Ministry of Worship

The Worship Ministry is more than the band you see on Sunday mornings. We help to plan special services each year (Easter, Harvest, Christmas, etc.), are responsible for sound and projection, ushers, the worship team, sanctuary decoration, special music and the maintenance, repair and replacement of sound equipment and music instruments (piano, bells, keyboard, etc). We also help prepare for and host visiting musicians, hold special worship nights in the church and coordinate worship events in the community. Current members of the Worship Ministry are Sarah Harting, Katherine Angle, Nicole McKee, Brittney Brueggeman, and Ian Angle.

Worship Coordinator Update: The Ministry of Worship is currently taking some time to evaluate and consider applicants. Please join with us in prayer for wisdom in this decision.

Address for Godoys: Our local Global Partners Tracy, Aaron, & Oliver Forrester-Godoy have settled into a home in Florida for the foreseeable future, as they spend some time in the U.S. to help with the care of Tracy's parents and for the boys to attend school. Their address is 3406 Water Lilly Ct. apt.106, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

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Our Mission

We are committed to leading the people of the North Manchester area community into a growing, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. God has gifted our congregation to help families at their point of need, primarily through children and youth.

Kurt Stout, Senior Pastor
Tim Bordeaux, Pastor of Youth
Ron Burns, Discipleship Coordinator
Lisa Rice, Children's Ministry Coordinator

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Elevator assistance and wheelchair available upon request. Please see an usher.

Pray & Care For Our Church Family

Illness:
LuAnn Hostetler *(Janell Dockter's mom)*
Sandy Baldwin *(Kim Fierstos' mom)*
Neil Tate
Ken Burton
Drew Kaminskis *(Purdy's son-in-law)*
Rhonda Allen *(friend of Connie Burton)*
Mike Sturgeon *(Miller's Manor)*
Bill Bellinger
Jackie Ihnen

Recovery at home:
Mike Schmidt
Robin Shepherd *(knee)*
Julie Yarnelle *(leg)*
Shirley Mishler *(hip)*
Mike Clifton

Hospitalized: Bonnie Hoover *(Cindy Pyle's mom, Lutheran)*
Jackie Ihnen *(Wabash)*
Chandis Boomershine *(Lutheran)*

Prayer Chain: Call or email Linda Warner, 982-4098 or lindanuway@aol.com to sign up or to share a prayer concern (confirm permission from individual first).

Weekly Schedule @ FBC

Today 8:00 a.m. Adult SS Classes
9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts downstairs in the Gathering Area
9:15 a.m. Worship Service: Traditional
9:15 a.m. Adult & Youth SS Classes and LOFT
10:30 a.m. Worship Service: Contemporary
10:30 a.m. Adult & Children's SS Classes
11:30 a.m. Jamaica Youth Mission Trip Info Meeting in Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Men's BWOC Closing

Tues: 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Timbercrest
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study @ Clear Creek
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting in the Library
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting in Rm 102
7:00 p.m. DLC Meeting in Rm 103

Wed: *Office Closed*
No Youth Group – Fall Break
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study @ Timbercrest

Thurs: 1:30 p.m. Woodspoint Bible Study @ Dottie Urschel's
6:30 p.m. Women's BWOC Send-Off
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice in the Sanctuary
7:45 p.m. Worship Team Practice in the Sanctuary

Sat. 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible study in Library
7:30 a.m. Women's Bible study in Rm 102

Sun: 8:00 a.m. Adult SS Classes
9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts downstairs in the Gathering Area
9:15 a.m. Worship Service: Traditional
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Kids' Ministry

"Abram follows God's direction" is our story today in LOFT and elementary Sunday School. Kids will learn we can always trust God.

Thank You to all the MANY people who blessed us with your help during Club RIOT, KFC, and Parent Connect this month! We connected with 42 families – 11 of which do not attend FBC. We're so grateful for the ways you help us reach not only the families in our church but our community as well! We truly could not do it without all of you!

–The Ministry of Children's Discipleship

Youth Ministry

30 Days of Heartwork: Bring your donations in by October 29. All money donated until then will be matched dollar for dollar up to $1,000! If we reach our total goal of $3,000 by November 1, we'll have a Bacon Party!

Jamaica Youth Mission Trip 2018! Open to current HS students. June 23-29. Cost will be around $1300 per person. Ministering to kids in schools, afternoon service projects, and evening VBS! Interested? *Come to an Informational Meeting in the far end of the Fellowship Hall after church today*.

Adult Ministry

Joyful Hearts & W.M.S. will meet together for lunch with Sudhir & Latha Kumar on October 21 at Noon in the Timbercrest Snack Shop. ?s call Alma Eiler (982-982-4426) or Linda Immel (982-8238).

WANTED: *Someone to listen, someone who cares about me, someone who won't judge me, someone who will show God's love to me.* Find out how YOU could be that person! Sunday, October 29 at 9:15 or 10:30 there will be an informational meeting in the Gathering Area. Please come and learn more about Stephen Ministry.

Fundraising Opportunities

MISSION FUNDRAISING: Hire the MU men's soccer team for your home projects *(i.e. yard work, painting, cleaning, moving).* Donations help the team with their travel to Jamaica in January for mission work. For more info or to "hire" the team, contact Coach Corey Brueggeman 513-307-6773 or email cebrueggeman@manchester.edu.

BRC CHICKEN BBQ: November 4 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the New Market parking lot. $7/half. All proceeds go to the Brethren Retreat Center. To guarantee your chicken sign up in the foyer. Contact Matt Webb if you want some but will not be able to pick it up that day.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST (YFC) RALLY: Sunday evening, November 12 @ Wabash YMCA (6:30 – 7:30 pm). In addition to dinner and dessert, you will hear stories from students impacted through YFC of Wabash County. To reverse your seat at a table, contact Mike (578-1302) or Cindy Pyle (578-1301).

GO: IMPACT God's World

*For more details about opportunities marked with an (*) visit our website, www.nmfbc.org, or follow us on Facebook (NMFirstBrethren).*

FOOD PANTRY: Bring a non-perishable or canned food item to the church foyer sometime this month. Help support our local Food Pantry (500 N. Front St). Open Thursdays 2-6 p.m.

*** COATS FOR OUR COMMUNITY:** Help us wrap our community in warmth this winter! Drop off your donations of new or gently used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves in the marked boxes in the Gathering Area. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Anyone who would like to help with this project please see a member of the Gathering Class. **There is a particular need for older youth/teen sized coats.*

TAKE A MEAL: When a family member is in the hospital or recovering at home the last thing you want to think about is feeding everyone. One way we at First Brethren comes alongside families during these times is by taking care of evening meals for them, but we need your help to do this. If you are interested in serving a family in need by providing a meal please contact Robin Shepherd at 982-6403.

*** LAUNCHING OPEN TABLE #5 ASAP**: You can help a mid-aged couple without kids. A ministry through Fellowship of Churches, OPEN TABLE, seeks to walk with individuals/families stuck in poverty yet longing for change & community Table member applications are available in the office. A few training sessions will take place as soon as 8-10 applications have been received. For more information contact Joyce Eberly (982-4973) or Kurt Stout (982-6457).

HURICANE HARVEY RELIEF TEAM: Jefferson Community Church of Goshen is organizing a Hurricane Harvey Response Team for the week of December 4-8, 2017 to work in partnership with Samaritan's Purse. They are seeking able-bodied individuals of all skill levels to join this team. They will be traveling by air, and currently airfares from O'Hare to Houston are very reasonable. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Ken Hunn (kenhunn@gmail.com). If you have the time to help but need assistance in getting there, there may be funds available to help you get there through Brethren Relief.

*** PACK A SHOEBOX:** Send a Christmas box to a child in poverty through Operation Christmas Child. Packing materials are available in the foyer and outside the LOFT, or use your own. Return filled shoeboxes to the Gathering Area by November 12.

PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE: Grab a tag from the Angel Tree on Sunday, November 12, and help an incarcerated parent give a gift to their child. More details are coming in the next few weeks but you can begin praying for these families NOW!