

WELCOME to FIRST BRETHERN

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When God's People Pray

Unhindered Prayers

"Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." - Hebrews 12:1

BRETHREN WAY OF CHRIST RETREATS FOR ADULTS & TEENS (Faith Quest)

What if you devoted three days to spend time with Jesus – learning more of His love and truth, seeking His will for your life in a very encouraging atmosphere, and making new Christian friends along the way?

This is offered in the Brethren Way of Christ, which consists in part of a free three-day weekend retreat (Thursday evening through Sunday evening). The spring weekends are in March. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Mark Hill, Keith or Linda Immel, or a pastor. Brochures and applications are in the foyer and gathering area. You can also visit www.in-bwoc-fq.com.

WORD WALL: Do you have a 2023 word, phrase, or scripture? Add it to the wall at the bottom of the foyer steps.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

SIGN UP TODAY!

SAT, FEB 11TH: DINNER & ESCAPE ROOM

Turn in your Menu order today! The Malawi Mission Team is hosting an elegant dinner for 2 followed by an escape room experience on Feb 11, at 6pm. (Childcare will be available as well). Menus and sign-ups can be found outside the office and in the gathering area. ?'s: Contact Vawters or Cooks.

FEB 12TH: NEXT WEEK IS A SECOND SUNDAY

Who has God put in your path or on your heart to invite to church, dinner, class, small group, or some other kind of interaction? Who could your kids invite?

"I didn't think I had anyone to invite, then God reminded me of a friend who believes, but isn't connected into church life. Now I'm actually excited about who she may get to know next weekend!"

WED, FEB 15TH: FREE CHILDCARE FOR VALENTINE DATE NIGHT

The H.S. Youth along with adult leaders are planning special activities for Feb 15 from 6-8 pm for kids so parents can have a Valentine Date. Dinner, games, worship, & a lesson will be provided for 1 yr. olds - 6 graders.

FRI/SAT FEB 17TH & 18TH: LOVE & RESPECT CONFERENCE

A video conference at FBC on Friday, Feb. 17 (6:45pm - 10:15pm) and Saturday, Feb. 18 (8:45am - 1:45pm).

*"The Love She Most Desires –
The Respect He Desperately Needs."*

A revolutionary, simple message that works in marriage, based on Ephesians 5:33.

REGISTRATION INFO can be found on our website or go to loveandrespect.com. Cost is \$15 per person thru Monday, \$20 per person after Feb 6. Scholarships are available by contacting the church office. **Sign up in the foyer today to save \$5 per person! Tomorrow is the last day to sign up for the reduced rate.**



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February 5, 2023

WELCOME

NORTH MANCHESTER FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH – FEBRUARY 5, 2023

NEW HERE? GET CONNECTED!

Welcome! We're glad you're here. Whether you're a regular attendee or here for the first time, please consider getting connected online! Use your smartphone's camera or a QR code app to scan and access our **Welcome Card**, Online Giving, Prayer Requests, this week's Bulletin...and more!



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER & CARE NEEDS

Illness:

Steve Hill (*Mark's brother*) Haley Brandenburg Linda Warner
Casey Hockett (*Kim Pyle's brother*) Dave and Nancy McIntyre
Tom Williams (*Carol Collett's dad*) Faith Miller Cindy Bucher
Harvey Dufrenne (*Dan's dad*)

Recovery at home:

Marvin Allen Connie Beery Myron Sites Pattie Webb

FEBRUARY'S PRAYER CHALLENGE:

*We have not because we ask not,
or we ask with wrong motives.*

James 4:2-3 (Paraphrased)

CHECK OUT THE UPDATED PRAYER CARD IN YOUR PEW

Included now on the front section is an opportunity for you to share the names of people you want prayers regarding their salvation – lost, distant, wayward. A team of people will regularly and ongoingly pray for these individuals.

WILL YOU PRAY FOR THE LOST?

Have a heart for the lost? Want to be a part of this intercessory team praying over the names people submit? Contact a pastor, the office, or Mike McLaughlin at 578-6902.

LOVE & RESPECT: FOOD DONATIONS

Help is needed to provide food for the Love and Respect Conference. There is a sign-up sheet by the office if you can help! Thank you!

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP (INFANTS–6 GR)

LOFT: Attitude check! Jesus gives the Beatitudes in our LOFT lesson. We'll talk about attitudes that please God. Our challenge is to memorize the Beatitudes and our verse, Matthew 5:16. Keep practicing at home so you can recite these at the end of the month for prizes!

CLUB RIOT: Children three-years old through third grade are invited to Club RIOT on March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 6:15-7:45. Be watching for more details and a volunteer sign up outside the office.

KFC (Grades 4-6): Come to KFC on February 22nd for a movie and popcorn! Leaders will take care of the popcorn - YOU bring a friend and some candy to share!

VALENTINE'S DATE NIGHT: Our HS Youth will be hosting a Valentine's Date Night on Wednesday, February 15th from 6:00-8:00. This is the perfect opportunity to drop off your children and go for coffee, have dinner out, or treat your sweetheart to some ice cream. FBC's amazing Youth (along with adult leaders) will provide dinner, games, worship songs, stories, and lots of love for one-year old children through 6th graders. Drop off and pick up at the ramp doors off the parking lot. Contact Julie Burlingame at julie@nmfbc.org or call the church office at 982-6457 with questions.

SNOW CAMP 2023 at Camp Shiphewana! February 24-26 for 3-6 graders. Register a friend who has never attended camp before, & you attend camp for FREE! For more information, pick up a brochure outside the LOFT or talk to Julie Burlingame.

END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS

Thank you for your regular financial contributions to Lord's work here at First Brethren. Your faithful generosity is making a difference near and far in ways that are helping God's kingdom grow! End of Year giving statements were mailed last week.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00 pm Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary
7:35 pm Adult Discipleship meeting, Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:30 pm Prayer Gathering, Pastor Ron's Office
6:30 pm DLC, Library

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

6:00 pm KFC, Room 105
6:00 pm Youth Group, Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:30 am Nurture Meeting, Library

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Malawi Fundraiser Dinner

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 – SECOND SUNDAY

2nd Sunday is "Invite a Guest" Sunday!

8:00 am Adult Sunday School Classes
9:00 am Worship Service: Pastor Kurt Stout
9:00 am Adult & Youth Sunday School Classes
9:00 am LOFT Children's Church
10:00 am Fellowship Time (*coffee & donuts*)
10:30 am Worship Service: Pastor Kurt Stout
10:30 am Adult & Children's Sunday School Classes

PROPERTY UPDATE

The December 2022 Financial Report mentioned funds for our upcoming recarpeting project. Phase 1 includes the main floor of the Sanctuary and Foyer area. In addition to carpet, the Property Ministry was working to replace the Fellowship Hall HVAC units. Due to recent depletions from the Capital Projects Fund, funds were not available to complete both projects. Carpet was the higher priority because of safety concerns.

We are asking the congregation to prayerfully consider making an additional designated offering to the Capital Projects Fund to assist with financing these current needs. Questions about the projects or funding can be directed to the Property Coordinator at property@nmfbc.org or the Stewardship Coordinator at stewardship@nmfbc.org. Thank you for all the ways you support the work and the ministries at First Brethren Church!

(See the February newsletter for the full detailed update.)