What’s new at Manchester?

- A new name: Manchester University!
- A new Academic Center for classes and faculty offices.
- A new Welcome Center for the Admissions office.
- A newly seeded mall with an expansive green grass.
- A new building and the first class of students for the College of Pharmacy in Fort Wayne.
- New faculty and staff and, of course, nearly 400 new undergraduate students.

Our Brethren enrollment is growing! We have about 20 new Church of the Brethren students on campus this fall, adding to a vital and energetic group at Manchester. About 6 percent of Manchester’s student body is Brethren, the second largest group among the Brethren colleges and universities. Many participate in our “Simply Brethren” group, and they are often among the top students and most actively involved leaders on campus.

This year’s Powerhouse Church of the Brethren regional youth conference at Manchester will be Nov. 10-11. The theme “Hello, My Name Is …: Getting to Know God” will explore the names and nature of God, with keynote messages by Josh Brockway, director of spiritual formation for the Church of the Brethren. Details are posted at www.manchester.edu/powerhouse.

A course on “Brethren Heritage” will be offered this coming January for the first time in several years. Students will spend some time learning on campus and then travel to significant sites in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions to do hands-on learning.

Other events: Peace Day celebrations in cooperation with Timbercrest Retirement Community on Sept. 21 ... Camp Mack Day on Sept. 23 ... Focus on Faith Week Oct. 28-Nov. 3 ... More ROBOT (Radically Obedient Brethren Outreach Team) church deputation team visits coming up - mainly in the spring ... A joint Brethren colleges retreat being planned for April ... And Spartan Days for prospective students to visit campus. Do you know a senior high youth who might consider Manchester? Encourage them to come for a visit!