

First Mennonite Church

Middlebury, Indiana

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"On a Journey with Jesus"

July 24, 2011

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WORSHIP SERVICE, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Jim Schrock

Singing With the Worship Team

Welcome

Worship Team

Announcements

Offering

Children's Story: Jim Schrock (Jesus Loves Me)

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2

Message: "Be a Bridge" – Brad Miller

Hymn of Response

Sharing Time: Dean Miller

Benediction

Sending Song

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:20 a.m.

*Do you have trouble seeing the worship team music on the screen?
Paper copies of the words are now available on the ledge outside
the sanctuary.*

Welcome to all of you who are visiting us today! Coffee and tea are served in the kitchen following worship. Sunday school is offered for adults in our fellowship hall and sanctuary; for high school youth in the house adjacent to the church; and for junior youth and children in the basement. Nursery care is available during our worship service and Sunday school hour. Children's bulletins are also available on the ledge just outside the sanctuary. May you have a meaningful time of worship and fellowship.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST MENNONITE

Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. – Stephen Ministers
Thursday - 6:00 a.m. – Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Essenhaus
- 7:00 p.m. – Worship Commission
Next Sunday- 5:30 p.m. – Ice Cream Social and Game Evening

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

A note from Angela: Fair week has arrived and my office hours may become a little crazy due to the fact that I want to be at the fair to watch my kiddos present their projects. Rest assured that I will get my hours in, it just may not be the usual 9-3. However, if you need something please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Thanks for your understanding!

Next Sunday, July 31, will be an Ice Cream Social and Game Night here at the church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come join in the fun! We have several volunteers participating in a homemade ice cream competition, won't sampling the results be delightful! Also, please bring along your games, either table games or outdoor games, so we can spend a relaxing evening gaming and snacking together!

Help!!! The Food Pantry budget is getting tight again, so we need your help. Several churches in the area have agreed to purchase a product that the pantry needs on a regular basis. We have been assigned either 5-6oz. or 10-12 oz. cans of chicken. We would like to collect at least 600 hundred cans because that is how many the pantry uses in one month. Aldi does provide the best price. Thanks for your help once again!!

OF SPECIAL INTEREST CONTINUED...

Transition News...

The Elders and PCRC have met with conference ministers to start the process of looking for interim pastors. If you have questions, please talk to one of the Elders or PCRC.

We are trying to establish a list of our current small groups at FMC. If you are part of a small group, could you please let Angela know. Furthermore, if you are interested in joining a small group, please let me know that too.

We are looking for a Sunday school class that would be interested in heading up a project to tidy up the exterior of the Pleasant Oaks property. This would include such things as pulling weeds, trimming shrubs, and any other necessary jobs to get the exterior in top notch condition and the property standing tall and proud! Please discuss this opportunity with your Sunday school class today, and then contact Robin Tahara Miller for further details.

The FMW project of the month will be to make school kits for the MCC. Each school kit requires the following items: 4 spiral notebooks (70-80 sheets each), 4 unsharpened #2 pencils, 1 ruler (must be flexible plastic and 12" in length), 1 (12 count) box of colored pencils, and 1 large pencil eraser. Many of these school supplies can be found quite inexpensively this time of year, so please help out if you are able. All donations should be placed outside Angela's office. Thanks for your help!

Our congratulations go out to Nate and Heather Wyse in the birth of their son Judson James! Judson was born on July 8 and his proud grandparents are Jim and Sharon Wyse. The piggy bank to welcome Judson to the FMC family is in the foyer, so if you have any loose change just drop it in!

OF SPECIAL INTEREST CONTINUED...

Attention Torchbearers: A Father/Son Campout-Canoe trip is scheduled for July 30-31 at Dave and Shari Graber's farm. The festivities will begin on Saturday at 6:00 pm with supper. Sunday's activities will begin at 9:00 am with breakfast, followed by a Bible study, and canoeing. If you are unable to come Saturday, you are welcome to join in on Sunday. Other activities include: fishing, exploring trails in the swamp and woods, and the Razor Back Ridge. Please contact Dave Graber at 269-483-8169 or 574-612-3909 if you have any questions.

Relief Sale Funding Banquet, August 18th at the Essenhaus Inn and Conference Center. The Relief Sale Board is hosting a banquet to help underwrite the expenses that occur at each year's sale. These include rentals, food, supplies, publicity, etc. Our goal is to defray these costs so that more of the money spent at the sale can go to the work and ministry of MCC. Please consider hosting a table of 8 for \$160 or purchasing individual seats at \$20 each. For more information, visit the relief sale website at www.mennonitesale.org, email: mennonitesale@yahoo.com or call [888-503-8559](tel:888-503-8559).

The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale needs your help. We have need for volunteer groups or individuals for helping with a variety of opportunities with the sale. Specific help is needed with groups in the coffee booth and selling donuts (pre-made by Rise and Roll), and we are looking for a co-chair of the Pancake and Sausage breakfast. If you would like to explore how you might be involved in helping to support the ministry of MCC through this sale, please email the board of directors at mennonitesale@yahoo.com or call [888-503-8559](tel:888-503-8559).

Please check hallway bulletin board for additional announcements!

Report for July 17:

Offering: \$9384.00 ~ Designated: \$300.00 ~ Total: \$9684.00

BE A BRIDGE
2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2

WHY BE A BRIDGE? vv. 14-15

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THE CHALLENGE TO BE A BRIDGE, vv. 16-17

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THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A BRIDGE, vv. 18-6:2

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