CALENDAR

Wed 8/5  
5:00 pm  Pantry set-up
6:30 pm  MYF

Thur 8/6  
6:00 am  Men’s Prayer Breakfast at the Essenhaus
4- Done  Set up for school supplies in FH
7:30 pm  Golf Ball Drop @ Essenhaus

Fri 8/7  
Ladies Night In

Sat 8/8  
8:30 am  School Supply Give Away
All pm  Church reserved

Sun 8/9  
9:00 am  Kent Preaching
Afternoon  FH reserved

Mon 8/10  
8-10 am  Amigo Centre in Library
All day  Health Dept. in Fellowship Hall

Tue 8/11  
7:00 pm  Music Practice

Wed 8/12  
7:00 pm  MYF

Thur 8/13  
All Day  FMW – Devotions by Edith Herschberger
6:00 am  Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Sat 8/15  
All Day  FH reserved

Sun 8/16  
9:00 am  Kent Preaching

Mon 8/17  
All Day  Red Cross in FH

Tue 8/18  
5:30 pm  CLC
7:00 pm  Music Practice

Wed 8/19  
6:30 pm  Administration Commission
7:00 pm  MYF

August Birthdays

5  Ernie Mullet
6  Dale Kauffman
8  Jared Beasley
9  Lindsey Kurtz
13  Randy Bontrager
14  Brad Miller; Rhea Miller; Jason Riegsecker
15  Sue Bontreger
16  Kent Miller
17  Sheila Hostetler; Tom Miller
18  Carlie Miller
20  Ben Bontrager; Merle Helmuth
21  Ward Bingaman; Joe Keller
24  Audrey Graber; Tillie Schrock
25  Chris Miller; Nora Mullet
28  Brandon Hartzler
29  Graysen Beasley; J.O. Yoder
30  Kent Birky

WORSHIP

Looking Ahead: Throughout the Gospels, Jesus engages in unpredictable, unexpected behavior. When circumstances would suggest Jesus should go this way, he goes that way. When others court controversy, Jesus creatively disengages. **Background Scripture:** John 8

There is an article on the bulletin board about the woman, Goldie, that Sonya referred to during her children’s story this past Sunday. Enjoy the read!

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for July 19:
Money Given to Budget: $4703.00
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget $7089.97
Year-to-date Money Given to Budget $311,284.27
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget $333,228.67

The Administration Commission is pleased to announce that Ulrika Miller has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant here at FMC! Ulrika is a very gifted person, and will bring many gifts and skills to the position. You have seen her helping to lead worship on Sunday mornings, and now you’ll have the opportunity to get to know her in new and exciting ways! Ulrika will begin training with Leah, next Monday, August 10th, and her hours will be 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday, Help us in welcoming Ulrika to our staff!

COMMUNITY LIFE

The Michiana MEDA chapter is seeking a part-time staff person for administrative support for approximately 10 hours per month. Duties include membership and contributions database management, registration and check-in for five events per year, producing email newsletters, and updating the chapter website. Most of the work can be done from home. Interested candidates please contact Board Chair Jonathan Geiser at jgeiser@goshen.edu. Please share this position opening with your networks.

Goshen College Community School of the Arts will be holding auditions this August at the GC Music Center. Students from grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the open auditions for Rejoice Choir (grades 3-5), Shout for Joy (grades 6-8), and Sommo Voci (grades 9-12). Auditions for Rejoice Choir and Shout for Joy: Thursday, August 20, 2015 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Monday, August 24, 2015 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Auditions for Sommo Voci: Thursday, August 13, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Diane Hooley is looking for a caregiver in the area for her 87 year-old mother. She lives between Topeka and Ligonier. Her caregiver of a year and a half gave her notice 2 weeks ago that she had to quit due to health reasons. The family is looking for someone to come to her home 4 afternoons (M, T, W and F) per week. Interested persons can contact Diane at dhlighthouse@hotmail.com or 260-426-4694.

The 14th annual Bridgefolk (Mennonite-Catholic) conference will be held August 20-23, 2015 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN, under the title “Ecumenical Healing and the Mystery of the Communion of Saints.” The keynote speakers will be Nozomu Yamada and Fr. Alfonso Fausone SVD, both from Nanzan University in Japan. They will reflect on the amazing story of the miraculous healing of Jun Yamada, a Mennonite, from leukemia in 1987 through the intercessory prayers of both Catholics and Mennonites. This event led to the canonization of Josef Freinademetz in 2003 by Pope John Paul II and friendship between Mennonites and Catholics in Japan for more than a quarter century. Bridgefolk is a grassroots ecumenical movement of Mennonites and Catholics who “proceed through friendship.” Single-day registration options, financial assistance, and child care are available. For conference schedule and registration form, go to www.bridgefolk.net.

MDC Goldenrod is now hiring Direct Support staff, a Groundskeeper, and a Receptionist. For more information, visit www.mdcgoldenrod.org. Applications are available on-line!

Some friends of Randy Bontrager from Florida are looking for a place to live in the area. If you know of a place for two people to stay, please contact Randy or Pastor Kent.

OUTREACH

The FMC Women’s Project this month is school kits for MCC. Each school kit contains 4 spiral or perforated notebooks, 8 unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler, 12 colored pencils, and 1 large pencil eraser in a double drawstring bag. If you would like to help out, there is a donation box in the foyer.

The 2nd annual Middlebury Food Pantry Helicopter Golf Ball Drop will be held at the Essenhaus car show on Thursday, August 6th at 7:30. Tickets are on sale now for $10 each or 3 for $25. A prize goes to whoever sells the most tickets and a prize for whoever buys the most tickets. Additional prizes will be given for the golf balls that land in or near the hole. Hope to see you there!

Wrap the world in warmth! Precision sewers are needed to piece and sew comforter tops for the upcoming MCC Comforter Bash on October 23-24 at Pleasant View Mennonite Church in Goshen. These handmade comforters will provide not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Free fabric is available from Nadine Zook.
Miller, Material Resource Coordinator at The Depot. Contact her at nzm@mcc.org or 574-534-4071. Completed comforter tops are needed by October 1.

An outside company that prepares and distributes school supplies through the food pantry is collecting donations. If you would like to contribute, here is the list of supplies needed:

**Basic School Supplies Needed**
- Book bag or backpack (New or Gently used but clean)
- Lg boxes of facial tissues
- Classic color crayons 16 - 24 count
- Classic broad tipped markers
- Classic fine tip markers
- Box of colored pencils
- 4 pk Dry Erase Markers (Expo brand preferred)
- Dry Erase Markers fine tip
- Erasers
- Scissors
- Yellow (# 2) pencils
- 4 oz bottle of glue
- Glue sticks
- Hard plastic pencil box
- Sturdy pocket folders
- Wide ruled spiral notebooks
- Ink pens - Red, black, blue, and green
- Wide ruled loose leaf notebook paper
- Flat clipboard
- Composition notebook
- Highlighters
- 3 prong pocket folders
- Ruler - standard and metric
- All size gym shoes w/non- marking soles, (no felt bottoms please)

**5th grade and up specific supplies**
- Pads of 3 by 3 post it notes
- Protractor
- Headphones
- Basic calculator
- TrapperKeeper
- Supply pouch that fits in trapper keeper
- Block eraser
- 3 ring binders
- 3 ring binder tabs / dividers
- 9x12" Sketchbook
- Colored Sharpies
- Fine tip sharpies
- Scientific calculator
- Flash drive
- 4 x 6 note cards

- Volunteers are also needed to help hand out the supplies in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 – Noon on Saturday, August 8\textsuperscript{th}.

Thanks for your generosity!

**Mennonite Disaster Service Opportunities!**

**URGENT NEEDS:**
- **High River, Alberta:** Short-term volunteers needed for the weeks of Aug. 10 – 28. Groups and individuals welcome.
- **Detroit, Michigan:** Day or weekly volunteers needed July and August. Contact Lawrence Matthews at (419) 303-8056.

**MDS Family Project**
MDS has an exciting service opportunity for the whole family. Families of adults and children of all ages are encouraged to serve together for one week, building cabins at Camp Elim near Swift Current, Saskatchewan. There are openings for volunteers the week of Aug. 16 – 21. For more information and to register call (866) 261-1274 or check the MDS website, mds.mennonite.net/projects/campelimfamilyproject/.

For information about week-long volunteer opportunities or for US volunteers who wish to serve long-term (one month or longer), call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail ahurst@mds.mennonite.net. For Canadian volunteers who wish to serve long-term (one month or longer), call (866) 261-1274 or e-mail epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT**

This past Sunday we affirmed all candidates with at least a 99% approval! Thanks to each person for their willingness to serve. Here is a list of those affirmed:

- Jerry Beasley & Bernie Miller as Church Board Representatives.
- Cheryl Miller & Patty (Ron) Yoder as Co-Chairs for the Community Life Commission.
- Dean Miller as Chair for the Outreach Commission.
- Maribeth Rhodes as Vice-Chair for the Worship Commission.

**ON THE JOURNEY**

Fear
Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe. As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful women you are. When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live. Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you. -Genesis 12:10-13

Even after faithfully answering God's difficult call, it didn’t take long for Abram's faith to be tested. And as we see in this account, it was fear that was Abraham's downfall. The same can happen to us. When we answer the call from God, our faith will be tested. Fear is the greatest enemy of faith. We have to faithfully trust God’s call and put all fears aside.

-Ike Walther