

## ON THE JOURNEY

I always enjoy the time I get to spend with my grandchildren. It seems each one has a special place in my heart. As I am sure those of you who have grandchildren have experienced. My five year old grandson and I like to play a game where he tells me a story, and it has to be true, and then I get to tell a true story. At the end of his stories he always says to me "Can you believe that". Of course I can I always tell him.

My story was of Ron's Mother who passed away in 1989. I told him she loved to bake pies. If she knew you were to be at her house she would bake you your favorite pie. Or if she went to visit someone she would take them their favorite pie. No matter how she felt she always made you feel special with her baked goods. I then asked him what his favorite pie was. Pumpkin with whipping cream he said. Oh! and Molly likes pumpkin without whipping cream. Molly is his sister. I then told him if Grandma was still living and she knew you were coming to visit, she would bake you a pumpkin pie. She would have loved to see you come to her house. He sat for minute and then said to me "Did she believe in Jesus?" Yes she did I said. She loved Jesus a lot I told him. Well then he said, I will see her someday because I love Jesus also.

"True story can you believe that?"

**Luke 10:27 -28**

**"Love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."**

Submitted By: Patty (Ron) Yoder

### CALENDAR

<b>Fri 8/4</b>	6:00 pm	Ladies Night In
<b>Sun 8/6</b>	9:00 am	Kent Preaching
	12:00 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
	6:00 pm	MYF
<b>Mon 8/7</b>	5:00 pm	POPS Advisory Board
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
<b>Tues 8/8</b>	7:00 pm	Music Practice
<b>Thurs 8/10</b>	9:00 am	First Mennonite Women
	6:30 pm	Board
<b>Sun 8/13</b>	9:00 am	Kent Preaching
	1:00 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
	6:00 pm	MYF
<b>Mon 8/14</b>		Health Department
	7:00 pm	Ladies Exercise
<b>Tues 8/15</b>	6:00 pm	Community Life Commission
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
<b>Wed 8/16</b>	6:30 pm	Administration Commission

#### **Administrative Assistant Office Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm**

(Kent's daily schedule varies; you may want to call ahead.)

**Closed Friday.**

- All newsletter submissions need to be in to Maribeth by noon on Tuesday.



#### August Birthdays

Don	Miller	2
Don	Ritchie	4
Ernie	Mullet	5
Dale	Kauffman	6
Ed	Outman	8
Randy	Bontrager	13
Brad	Miller	14
Rhea	Miller	14
Sue	Bontrager	15
Kent	Miller	16
Sheila	Hostetler	17
Tom	Miller	17

Ward	Bingaman	21
Joe	Keller	21
Audrey	Graber	24
Tillie	Schrock	24
Nora	Mullet	25
Brandon	Hartzler	28
Kent	Birky	30

## WORSHIP

**Looking Ahead:** “Five words... Five words given to Brian Zahnd when he prayed; ‘Jesus, tell me what to say.’ Five words that became signposts to lead him out the dead-end cul-de-sac he felt stuck in. Five words that when put together became a kind of ‘transformation process for turning watered down Americanized Christianity into the robust wine of revolutionary Christianity.” This week will look at the third word ‘Eclectic.’

**Background scriptures:** Matthew 5, 6, 7; Romans 12:1-8; I Corinthians 12:12-26

### Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday: Dave Graber  
Next Sunday: Kris Bontrager

**Starting September 3, church will start at 9:30.** There will not be Sunday school that day, however it will follow the service on the days when there is. We will try this through February then re-evaluate. We felt that this may make winter driving to church a little bit easier.

**Update on Congregational Representative** to the church board. The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Committee has gone through the names of men and women nominated by the congregation to serve as congregational representative without anyone feeling called to this position. This means that we will once again engage the process for discerning and calling this important leadership position for the church. On **Sunday, August 13**, we will again present a listing of all active members for congregational discernment. We will not include immediate family members of ongoing board members, or the names of those who recently declined the position. Please be in prayer for discernment by the congregation and for the persons God calls into this leadership role.

**Kent will be on vacation** from August 22-September 5 .

## ADMINISTRATION

### Stewardship Report for July 30:

Money Given to Budget \$5,427.00  
Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$5,526.92  
Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$283,421.32  
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$265,292.16

## COMMUNITY LIFE

**The Women of Joy Conference** is coming to Indianapolis on August 11 & 12 at the Bankers Life Fieldhouse. Call Phil Waldrep Ministries at 1-800-374-1550 if interested.

**Save the date!** Elkhart County CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. There is info posted on the bulletin board in the hallway if you are interested.

**A First Aid Kit** has been mounted in the area just outside the handicapped restroom. New ID badge holders have been purchased – more to come on this in the future.

**The GC Alumni and Athletics Offices** are hosting a tailgate party for the women's and men's home soccer games on Sept. 9, 2017 in the College Mennonite Church south parking lot. The women's team takes on Indiana University East at 4 p.m. and the men's team takes on Calumet College at 7 p.m. All Maple Leaf fans are welcome, whether you're an alum or not. Come join your friends and support your GC soccer teams!

**Register now for the National Yoder Reunion** to be held September 20-23 in Shipshewana. More information is posted on the bulletin board under Community Life.

## DISCIPLING

**Goshen College's fall Explore Goshen Day** takes place Friday, Sept. 15. Join other students considering attending GC to check out the housing options, taste the food, take a campus tour and talk to current students and professors. A special pre-med track is available. Learn more at [goshen.edu/visit](http://goshen.edu/visit).

## OUTREACH

**First Mennonite Women's** project for August is MCC school kits. Items needed for each kit are 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2x10 1/2 70 sheets), 8 unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic w/both 30 cm and 12 in), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), and 1 large pencil eraser. Carol Honderich will have devotions at the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. She will discuss how she came about making a quilt based on the women of the Bible.

**Have you ever considered visiting at the Elkhart County Jail?** We all occasionally know someone who is incarcerated, and with volunteer status, men may visit men, and women may visit women in person. You would need to go through an orientation at the county jail, once every 2 years to stay active. The next two orientations are August 3 and September 11, both from 5:00-6:00 PM at the county jail. No preregistration is necessary, and they will do a background check prior to being approved. Feel free to check with Pastor Kent if you have further questions.

**Please join us for the MCC Great Lakes Open House** on Thursday, August 24, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at our office in The Depot (1013 Division Street in Goshen). Meet our staff, and check out our updated office. See how MCC Great Lakes is growing and how you can join us in our work! Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by August 21 to [GreatLakes@mcc.org](mailto:GreatLakes@mcc.org) or 574.534.413